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ENGLAND BATS FIRST IN TEST MATCH.

SUTCLIFFE CAUGHT JUST BEFORE LUNCH.

HOBBS HITS 43 NOT OUT

The First Test between England and Australia, which, like the remainder, will be played to a finish, opened to-day at Brisbane. Interest in these famous cricket clashes has never been greater than this year, when the strength of the England team justifies the hope the "Ashes" will be retained and that England will win in Australia for the first time since 1911-12.

The selection of the England team from sixteen players all with great claims to inclusion, has been no light task, and the result of the conference presided over by A.P.F. Chapman, England's youthful skipper, may excite some criticism. At this distance, we have not the advantage of knowledge of the conditions which naturally guided the selectors, though the preference given to Mead against Leyland, and Duckworth against Ames, will occur surprising to the majority.

England's Team.

The M.C.C. team is as follows:
A. P. F. Chapman (Kent),
J. C. White (Somerset),
D. R. Jardine (Surrey),
Hobbs (Surrey),
Sutcliffe (Yorkshire),
Hendren (Middlesex),
Hammond (Gloucester),
Tate (Sussex),
Mead (Hants),
Larwood (Notts),
Duckworth (Lancashire),
Leyland (Yorkshire) has been chosen as twelfth man, and Geary, Ames, Freeman and Tyldesley are omitted. It would seem that the selectors are fully prepared for a long drawn-out batting duel, hence the inclusion of Mead, still one of the most difficult men in the world to get out if he is told to stay.

The Australians.

The Australian team is as follows:
J. S. Ryder (Victoria),
D. Bradman (N.S.W.),
W. M. Woodfull (Victoria),
W. H. Ponsford (Victoria),
C. V. Grimmett (S. Australia),
A. F. Kippax (N.S.W.),
J. M. Gregory (N.S.W.),
H. L. Hendry (Victoria),
H. Ironmonger (Victoria),
C. Kelleway (N.S.W.),
W. A. Oldfield (N.S.W.),
R. M. Oxenham (Queensland) was relegated to twelfth man.

The England team was cabled from Brisbane this morning by Reuter, who says that the weather is fine and warm for the match and that a huge attendance was present.

Later.

A.P.F. Chapman won the toss for England amid great excitement. Hobbs and Sutcliffe went out to open England's innings and settled down steadily to road bowling by Gregory the fast bowler and Kelleway.

The first ten runs were slow in coming, but the 20 was hoisted soon afterwards. At this stage Hobbs had made 12 and Sutcliffe 9.

The pair appeared to be well set, but just before the interval for lunch, Sutcliffe was caught by Ponsford, off Gregory. He had scored 38.

At the interval the score was:—85 for 1 wicket (Hobbs, 43 not out).

There were 20,000 spectators. [So far 114 Test matches have been played, England winning 4, Australia 47, the remainder being drawn.]

FLIGHT FROM MURDEN.

The Canton Ryan monoplane is expected to be here from Mukden this evening.

BRITISH STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

URGENT S.O.S. MESSAGES IN THE PACIFIC.

FOUR SHIPS TO RESCUE

Vancouver, Nov. 30.

The big Canadian grain-steamer, the Chief Maquilla, carrying a crew of forty, on her way to Shanghai from Kildonan, British Columbia, is sending out urgent S.O.S. messages, though so far nothing has been received to indicate the danger.

The vessel is about fifteen hundred miles out of Kildonan, and the fierce gales raging in the Pacific for the past week or so, leads to the belief that she has been disabled by treacherous seas.

The Japanese ship Araba Maru, has wireless that she is racing to the rescue.

The urgent wireless calls from the Chief Maquilla have been picked up by many ships, and it is reported from Seattle that four ships including her sister-ship, the Chief Chino, are now rushing to assist the Chief Maquilla, whose crew is composed of Chinese with white officers.

The vessel is commanded by Captain Scott, an Englishman. It is believed that the cargo of grain may have shifted in the heavy seas, thus causing a dangerous list. Her position is estimated to be a little to the south of the Aleutian Islands.—Reuter.

TYPHOON HAVOC IN PHILIPPINES.

STEAMER FOUNDERS: RAMSAY HARD AGROUND.

VIGOROUS MEASURES.

Manila, Nov. 30.

Governor-General Silliman in view of the serious situation brought about by the typhoon, has authorised the Governors of the provinces affected by the disastrous winds to fix food prices and to commandeer private supplies where necessary.

The typhoon which suddenly re-curved from the China Sea and did much damage in North Luzon seems to have passed into the open sea again. The full toll of the typhoon cannot at this moment be estimated but it is reported that at least 140 fatalities have occurred.

The inter-island steamer "Euzkadi" foundered during the typhoon, seven of the crew being drowned.

The s.s. Isador Oronis is now standing by the British cargo steamer "Ramsay" which went hard aground at Cagayan de Misamis after a vain battle with the elements.

The steamer, which is of 5,000 tons, is, however, not very badly damaged, and may possibly be re-floated. The crew are in no further danger.—Reuter.

COST OF DE-RATING MEASURE.

GRANTS TO INCREASE BY AT LEAST £30,000,000.

London, Nov. 29.

The House of Commons to-day approved by 280 votes to 132 a financial resolution in connexion with the Local Government De-Rating Bill, which was given a second reading yesterday.

It was stated during the discussion, that the additional cost to the Exchequer in the first year, over and above the grants totalling £16,000,000 normally made to local authorities, will be £31,000,000.—Reuter.

FINE WEATHER.

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone has strengthened. It is central to the north of Korea. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and light winds with fine weather over the western portion of the China Sea. The forecast till noon tomorrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

CALEDONIAN BALL TO-NIGHT.

ALL READY FOR GAY REVELRY.

DECORATIONS OF A STRIKING CHARACTER.

ST. ANDREW'S NIGHT.

Once again the National Day of Scotland has come round. It will be celebrated in time-honoured fashion by the annual St. Andrew's Ball at the City Hall to-night. The large number of Scots and their friends in Hongkong, who look forward to this outstanding social event with the keenest anticipation, will find that the various committees have this year surpassed themselves, points of note being that all clan shields are now painted in correct colours and a good deal more foliage has been used for decorations.

Since 1881 when St. Andrew's Society was inaugurated in Hongkong, the function has risen in importance, until it is now regarded as the premier social event of the year, the annual ball being essentially a national gathering, of the clans, where Scots and their friends meet and revel in an atmosphere that is Scotland's own. This popular event provides all the elements for a display of exuberance and the clan spirit and it is probably for these reasons that the anniversary of Scotland's Patron Saint has come to be recognised as the day of days when even the hilarity of Hogmanay may be exceeded.

Striking Decorations.

As on former occasions, Mr. George Duncan has again been to the fore, with many willing helpers, in arranging appropriate decorations and scenic effects. The task is not new to him as he has now handled it for many years past, always with the same skill and judgment.

The local Scottish community and the many guests who will attend, these including H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, and Mrs. W. T. Southorn, will enter by the portico of a striking representation of Edinburgh Castle, which fronts on Queen's Road. The model, which has been built up during the last two days, will be illuminated and befitting, and over the main gate will be seen the clan shield of the reigning Chieftain of St. Andrew's Society, the Hon. Mr. C.G.S. Mackie. The crest shows a hand grasping an upraised sword, with the family motto beneath, *Lobor*.

Masses of Foliage.

Immediately on entering, the ladies' and gentlemen's cloakrooms will be found on the right and left respectively. The passage to the stairs is overhung with masses of foliage, while pots of greenery line the steps and balustrades. Among these decorations are a number of gigantic thistles which will be illuminated.

The huge mirror at the head of the stairs is draped with the Scottish Standard, while in the mirror is reflected St. Andrew's Cross and the Arms of Scotland which are suspended from the ceiling. The length of the Society's history is depicted by the dates 1801 and 1928, which are shown as white figures on blue backgrounds, one on each side of the mirror.

Theatre Transformed.

To the left of the mirror the way leads into the body of the Theatre Royal which has, as on previous occasions, been converted into a big supper room, all the theatre seats having been taken away and tables and chairs substituted. Accommodation for the official party has been provided on the stage.

Draped round the front of the dress circle for the whole width of the theatre, is a clan tartan, while both above and below, there is a liberal display of flags, the colour scheme being blue and white. The background of the stage depicts "Gannochy Brig" at Edzell, with which place the Chieftain had his early associations.

In the ball rooms there is a plentiful display of clan shields which are, for the first time, draped with laurel, while the rooms have been further enhanced by the judicious placing of pots of foliage round the sides. The Chieftain's shield has the place of honour at the head of St. Andrew's room, above the dias, while beside it is that of Mistress Mackie's family, the Guthrie crest.

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DEATH OF MR. J. R. CAPELL.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS WITH A. S. WATSONS. POPULAR RESIDENT.

It is with the utmost regret that we have to chronicle the death, which occurred at his residence in Torres Buildings, Kowloon, this morning, of Mr. James Ralph Capell, who was for many years in the service of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.

The late Mr. Capell, who was 64 years of age, began his connexion with Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. many years ago and was connected with the firm for no less than 35 years, being almost entirely in the Hongkong dispensary during that period. He retired in 1926, owing to ill-health, and left for Home with the intention of settling down in the Old Country. However, he found the winter weather too trying and later returned to the Colony greatly improved in health.

Later, he had not been so well, and since about the 11th instant he has been confined to his bed. Three days ago he took a sudden turn for the worse and passed away at 10 o'clock this morning.

The deceased was one of the best known and most highly respected of the Colony's older residents, and all who knew him valued his friendship as a man of sterling qualities and a most lovable disposition. His death will come as a shock to a very wide circle of friends, and the utmost sympathy will be felt with the widow and family in their heavy bereavement. Besides a widow, the deceased leaves a son, who has just returned to the Colony from school at Home, and three daughters, Misses Dolly, Violet and Phyllis Capell, all of whom are well-known here.

For many years, the late Mr. Capell was prominently associated with the now defunct Phoenix Club, as well as with the old Wigwam Tennis Club, and he was immensely liked in all sporting and social circles.

The funeral takes place this evening, passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

STABBED MAN TAKES TURN FOR WORSE.

MORE SERIOUS POSITION FOR K.O.S.B. PRIVATE?

When Private James Boyle of the K.O.S.B. was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney General, prosecuting, informed his Worship that in all probability, the man would shortly have to face a more serious charge.

Private Boyle, it will be recalled, was charged a week or two ago with attempted murder of Sergeant Kerr of the K.O.S.B. on the troopship Somersetshire. Boyle is under remand until Sergeant Kerr can give evidence.

Mr. Fitzroy announced this morning that news has been received in the Colony that Kerr, who is lying in hospital at Colombo, has taken a turn for the worse and may die. Under the circumstances, he asked for a further remand of the defendant, as the latter might have to face a very serious charge.

His Worship remanded Boyle for a week. Defendant took the news of the Sergeant's condition calmly.

DON'T WISH TO BE WESTERNISED.

THE AFGHAN REBELS NOW NEGOTIATING.

Peshawar, Nov. 29.
The road from Daska to Jalalabad, which was closed owing to the activities of hostile Shinwaris, who were sniping Afghan outposts, has been re-opened. Afghan officials, however, cannot guarantee the safety of caravans, though the "little war" against the rebels has stopped.

The Mullah Chaknair is now negotiating on behalf of the Shinwaris, demanding a suspension of the "westernising" reforms, which are mainly responsible for the outbreak.—Reuter.

HANKOW COUNCIL QUARREL.

WITHDRAWAL OF MR. W. S. DUPREE.

SAYS AREA IS NOT BEING PROPERLY ADMINISTERED.

DIRECTOR'S REPLY.

Hankow newspapers to hand show that a sharp controversy has arisen over the question of the administration of the former British Concession (S.A.D. No. 2), culminating in the resignation from the Council's Finance Committee of Mr. W. S. Dupree, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

In a letter to Dr. Sung Sze-biu, Director of the S.A.D., dated the 12th instant, Mr. Dupree states that on June 25th last he called Dr. Sung's attention to the fact that he was much perturbed at the large amount of revenue which had not been collected by way of Land, Property, Municipal and Water Taxes.

Sums Outstanding.

"Detailed lists of amounts owing by Lot-holders and occupants were," says Mr. Dupree, "tabled at the Council by me in June showing amount outstanding at that time and then amounting to some £14,000. I further pointed out to you in Council the absolute necessity of collecting these amounts, failing which I would not be prepared to continue on the Finance Committee. At end of October the outstanding had only been reduced by approximately £1,000.

"At each subsequent meeting of the Council I have urged you to exert yourself in this matter and in early October obtained the Council's approval for a deputation of the Council to call upon His Excellency Li Taung-jen and place the whole matter before him in petition form and request his assistance towards aiding you in collection. Although nearly one month has passed since above procedure was agreed upon the petition to His Excellency has not been tabled for approval.

Minor Matters.

"I have further to point out that more than two-thirds of the Council's time has of late been occupied in attending to minor matter relating to staffs, etc."

Mr. Dupree adds:—"The Council has endeavoured to make it abundantly clear to you in Council that the finances of the 2nd S.A.D. are in a bad way and that every economy must be aimed at. Our repeated requests have either not been fully understood by you or there has been a wilful disregard of them. It is to the latter I incline."

In the circumstances I feel it incumbent upon me to withdraw from the Finance Committee and to absent myself from all further Council Meetings until such time as I learn that there is a genuine endeavour to administer the area on lines approximating the administrative of the past."

Dr. Sung Reply.

In his reply, dated the 15th instant, Dr. Sung stated that it was not true to say that at the end of October the outstanding had only been reduced by approximately £1,000, as amongst the debts of £14,000 there is a sum of £1,840 outstanding from last year. He adds that although there is an increase in the military and governmental occupations in the District, the outstanding debts of the two years are approximately the same.

Dealing with the allegation that the petition to General Li Taung-jen had not been tabled, Dr. Sung says, in explanation, that the next Council meeting after the decision was reached was postponed on account of the fact that he (Dr. Sung) was away serving on the Committee of Civil Service Examinations. He continues:

Mr. Dupree Blamed.

"Then in the next Council Meeting for October 30th, was it not on account of the fact that you came to pay the salaries and wages of the staff in person and thereby interfered with the executive power of the Administration? Thus our controversy began and the meeting adjourned."

"Again, why was the meeting on the 6th of November adjourned without decision? Was it not on account of the fact that you started the meeting with proposing a resolution which expressly violated the Council's decision?"

SERIOUS AFFAIR IN LUCKNOW.

POLICE USE FIRE-ARMS TO DISPERSE MOB.

SIMON PARTY ARRIVE.

Lucknow, Nov. 29.
Unpleasant scenes, similar to those at Lahore at the end of October, and developing more seriously, greeted the Simon Commission on their arrival at Lucknow to-day.

In spite of prohibitory orders issued by the Police Superintendent a great procession of demonstrators assembled at the Station, where barricades had been erected, waving black flags and hurling abuse at the Commission. The mob included a number of leading Nationalists, who appear to have excited their followers.

The mob rapidly grew out of hand and attempted to rush the barricades. The Police were obliged to use their firearms to disperse the unlawful assembly, and several were injured.

The injured men include Jawahar Lal, the Secretary of the National Congress, the son of the well-known Nationalist leader, Motilal Nehru, and Govind Balharpant, the leader of the Legislative Council.—Reuter.

Questions were this week asked in the House of Commons regarding the use of lathis on the mob at Lahore, when several important leaders were hurt. The Under-Secretary for India stated that official enquiries had fully satisfied the Government that the police were left with no option.

AMERICAN VIEW OF NAVAL MOVE.

MR. BALDWIN NOT EXPECTED TO REPLY.

BRITAIN CRITICISED.

Washington, Nov. 29.

Well-informed circles do not expect Mr. Stanley Baldwin to reply to Mr. Britten's proposal for a naval conference between members of the British Parliament, and the U.S. Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives.

Official Washington does not take Mr. Britten's action seriously, though it is unofficially stated that not only will the American Government almost certainly ignore the unusual procedure adopted by the chairman of the naval affairs committee, but he may also be asked to explain the correctness of his procedure as a member of Congress in taking up international matters direct with the head of the British Government.

It is pointed out that his action is totally incorrect and he may be asked to explain why he did not utilise the usual diplomatic channels.

General speaking, Mr. Britten's action is criticised all round as quite unwise and totally unnecessary.—Reuter's American Service.

QUEEN OF SPAIN RETURNS.

LEAVES LONDON FOR MADRID.

London, Nov. 29.
The Queen of Spain and her two daughters to-day concluded their visit to Princess Beatrice and left London for Madrid via Paris.

The Duke and Duchess of York, Princess Mary and Princess Beatrice were at Victoria Station to see them off.—British Wireless.

PEKING EDUCATION.

GOVERNMENT AGREES TO LEND SUPPORT.

Peking, Nov. 29.
As the result of a conference between Mr. Chang Chi, and Mr. Li Shih-tung, Chancellor of the University, and others, the Peking Political Council has agreed to assign \$300,000 monthly for the maintenance of educational facilities in Peking.

OPTIMISM AT THE PALACE.

HIS MAJESTY SPENDS QUIET DAY.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER LACKS NEWS OF ILLNESS.

MUCH SPECULATION.

London, Nov. 29.
The bulletin issued from Buckingham Palace to-night states:

"The King had a quiet day, gaining some sleep, otherwise the conditions remain unchanged." Not since the illness of the King began to develop have those immediately around him at Buckingham Palace been so optimistic as they were to-day after His Majesty's Physicians had made their customary examination of the Royal Patient.

Importance is attached to the statement in the morning bulletin that the "infective process" is being held in check. This is considered to be highly satisfactory, coupled with the fact that the King passed a quiet, if rather sleepless night.

Lack of Sleep.

In regard to His Majesty's frequent lack of sleep during the night, it is pointed out that during the last few days, the King has obtained restful sleep in the daytime, and this must be regarded as extremely helpful to the normal process of recovery.

The American Ambassador, speaking at the Thanksgiving Day dinner of the American Society in London, said that they had reason to be thankful as the illness of His Majesty the King seemed to be running a normal and favourable course.

He added:—"We hope and pray devoutly for his complete and speedy recovery."

An official notice issued at Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika, states that nothing has been decided about the departure of the Prince of Wales, who is staying at Government House.

His Royal Highness expects, however, to travel in the cruiser Enterprise which is stated to be due at Dar-es-Salaam from Aden on Sunday.

The Prince to-day drove out shopping in the town of Dar-es-Salaam, and he was followed from shop to shop by enthusiastic crowds of natives and Indians.

Duke of Gloucester.

It would appear from information received in London to-day that the Duke of Gloucester, who was accompanying the Prince of Wales on his African tour, has not received any of the messages regarding his father's illness.

The Duke has been on a hunting expedition and when last heard of was near Abercorn in Rhodesia. This is about 500 miles from Dar-es-Salaam and there is no railway communication, so that even if the news reaches H.R.H. it is not considered possible for him to reach Dar-es-Salaam in time to travel with the Prince of Wales.

Later.

No message has been received from the Duke of Gloucester as regards his plans, and it is presumed in London that he has agreed to the rendezvous with the Prince of Wales and is now en route.

A Long Journey.

A Johannesburg correspondent, however, doubts the Duke's ability to reach the coast in time to sail by the Enterprise and suggests it would possibly be shorter for him to travel home via Capetown, for when last reported he was shooting on the Chamberi River, approaching Abercorn.

It would take him four days to travel by train from Salisbury to Capetown. Alternatively, the Duke might embark at Klutka on Lake Tanganyika for Kiloma, and travel from there to Dar-es-Salaam, a train journey of 772 miles.—Reuter and British Wireless.

A Slow Recovery.

London, Nov. 29.
Whilst hopes of H.M. the King's recovery are strengthening, recognition is growing that complete restoration to health must be a lengthy process. It is expected that the King will be able to walk in the park.

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PUMPING OPERATIONS MORE EXPENSIVE.

The Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G.) presided over a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon when supplementary expenditure amounting to \$143,732 was approved. Those present were the Hon. Mr. H. T. Crenay (Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. C. M. I. Messer (Colonial Treasurer), Hon. Sir Shoumen Chow, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotowall, Hon. Mr. A. O. Hynes, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith and the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie.

Details of the sums asked for have already been published. In regard to an item of \$23,000 to meet waterworks maintenance charges of the City and Hill district, the Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes said he noticed in the explanation that it was stated that coal alone showed an increase and he would like some explanation given with regard to it. He would like to know if conditions had in any way changed from normal and what was the present cost of coal per ton.

The Director of Public Works replied that there were two months' extra pumping this year.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes: Are you perfectly satisfied you are obtaining the same ratio of water per ton of coal, and is the ratio satisfactory?

The Director of Public Works: As a matter of fact we have had a great many complaints about the coal and pumping has been much more expensive.

The Colonial Treasurer: Besides, coal has gone up \$2 a ton.

Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes: If the excess in the cost of coal is so great, this water shortage is going to be a serious matter financially.

The Chairman: You will note that these figures are up to the end of the year.

The Director of Public Works promised to supply the Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes with full details respecting the increase.

CURIOUS PARADOX.

KIDNAPPERS & VOLUNTEERS SIDE BY SIDE.

At the continued hearing of the Canton extradition case before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, the remarkable paradox was attested to by a witness of the existence of a gang of kidnapers in a village side by side with the volunteer protection corps of the hamlet.

A servant of a wealthy money-changer of Canton, whose two sons had been kidnapped and removed to the village of Machai, this witness was later sent to negotiate for their release. It was at the headquarters of the village Scouts that one of the kidnapped boys was handed back to him, and an escort of five or six Volunteers provided to accompany them on the return journey.

Questioned by the Court, witness said that when he first "spotted" the fugitive, who was a former cook of the money-changer, sitting on the bank of the creek at Machai, he (witness) was unable to do anything, single-handed as he was. He was reluctant to take up the matter on the spot with the local village volunteer organization, because "the whole village was full of bandits."

Ultimately, on reporting his discovery to the money-changer, he was sent to negotiate for the release of the boy. This was effected after a ransom of \$3,000 had been paid.

He knew the fugitive as being a cook who, until his disappearance, had been employed at the establishment of the money-changer. After his arrest by the Hongkong Police, witness again saw the fugitive at the Central Police Station, when the latter, addressing him by name, asked him what he was doing there.

The hearing was again adjourned.



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THANKSGIVING DAY.

**SPECIAL SERVICE BY
CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS.**

The annual Thanksgiving Service of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, was held yesterday.

The Golden text was: "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving." (Ps. 69: 30).

Among the citations which comprised the Service was the following from the Bible: "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the majesty: for all that is in Heaven and in the earth, is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest ever all, and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name (1 Chron. 29: 11-13).

The Service also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy:—"We admit, theoretically that God is good, omnipotent, omnipresent, infinite, and then we try to give information to this infinite Mind. We plead for unreserved pardon and for a liberal outpouring of benefactions. Are we really grateful for the good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more.

THE TREATIES.

BELGIUM AGREES TO ABOLITION OF EXTRALITY.

Peking, Nov. 29.

The text of the Chinese and Belgian treaty, published this evening, differs materially from the others. Belgium is agreeing to the abolition of extrality.

The text of the Chinese and Italian treaty will be published to-morrow.—Reuter.

Extrality to Go.

Shanghai, Nov. 29.

The new Sino-Belgian treaty recognizes the complete tariff autonomy of China, but with the most-favoured-nation proviso, and it abolishes Belgium's extrality as from January 1, 1930.

Annexes to the treaty declare that China will promulgate the civil and commercial codes of China before January 1, 1930, and that from the date of abolition of extrality Belgian subjects shall be allowed to live, trade and acquire property in any part of China.—Reuter.

Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech" (p. 3).

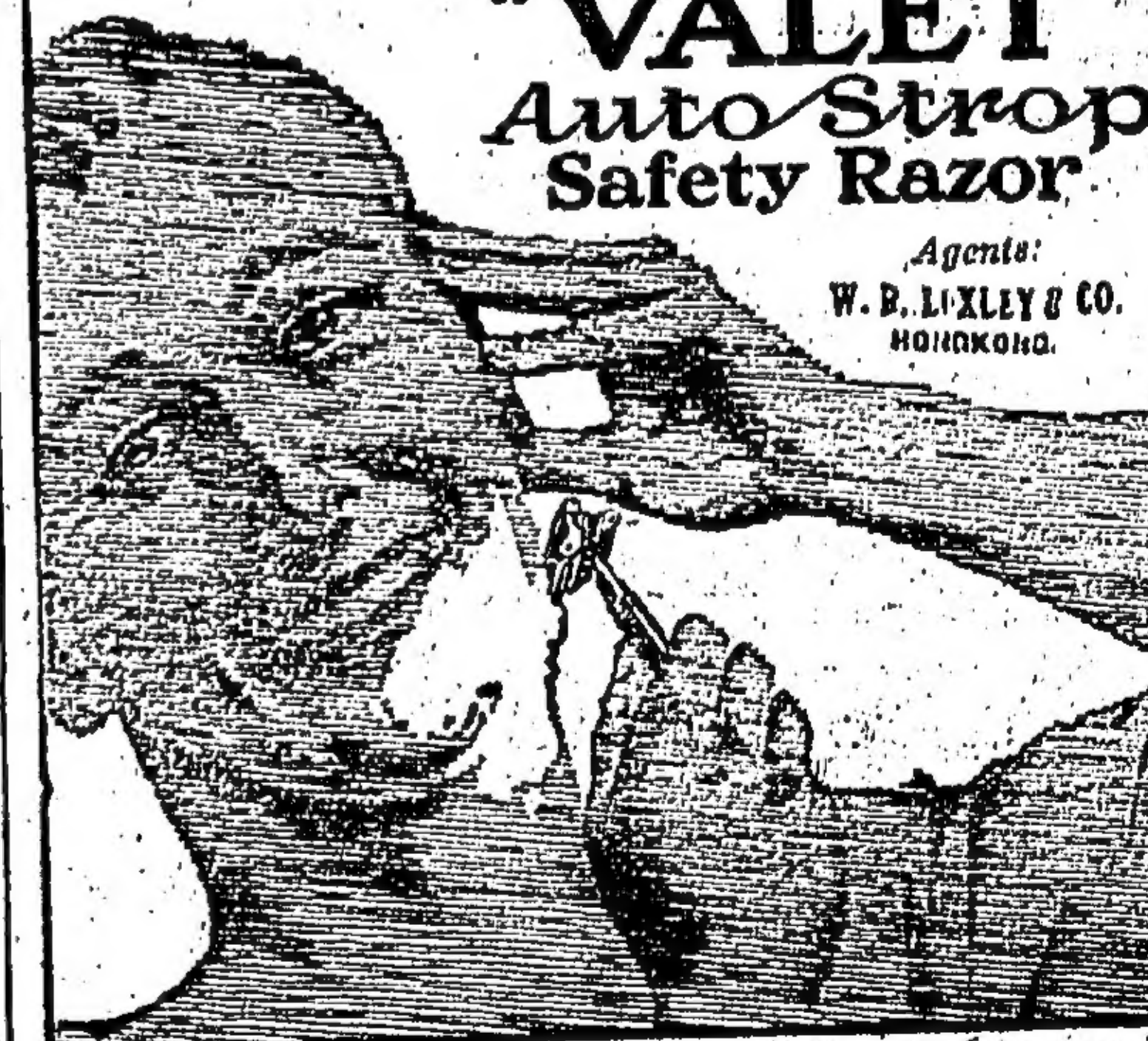
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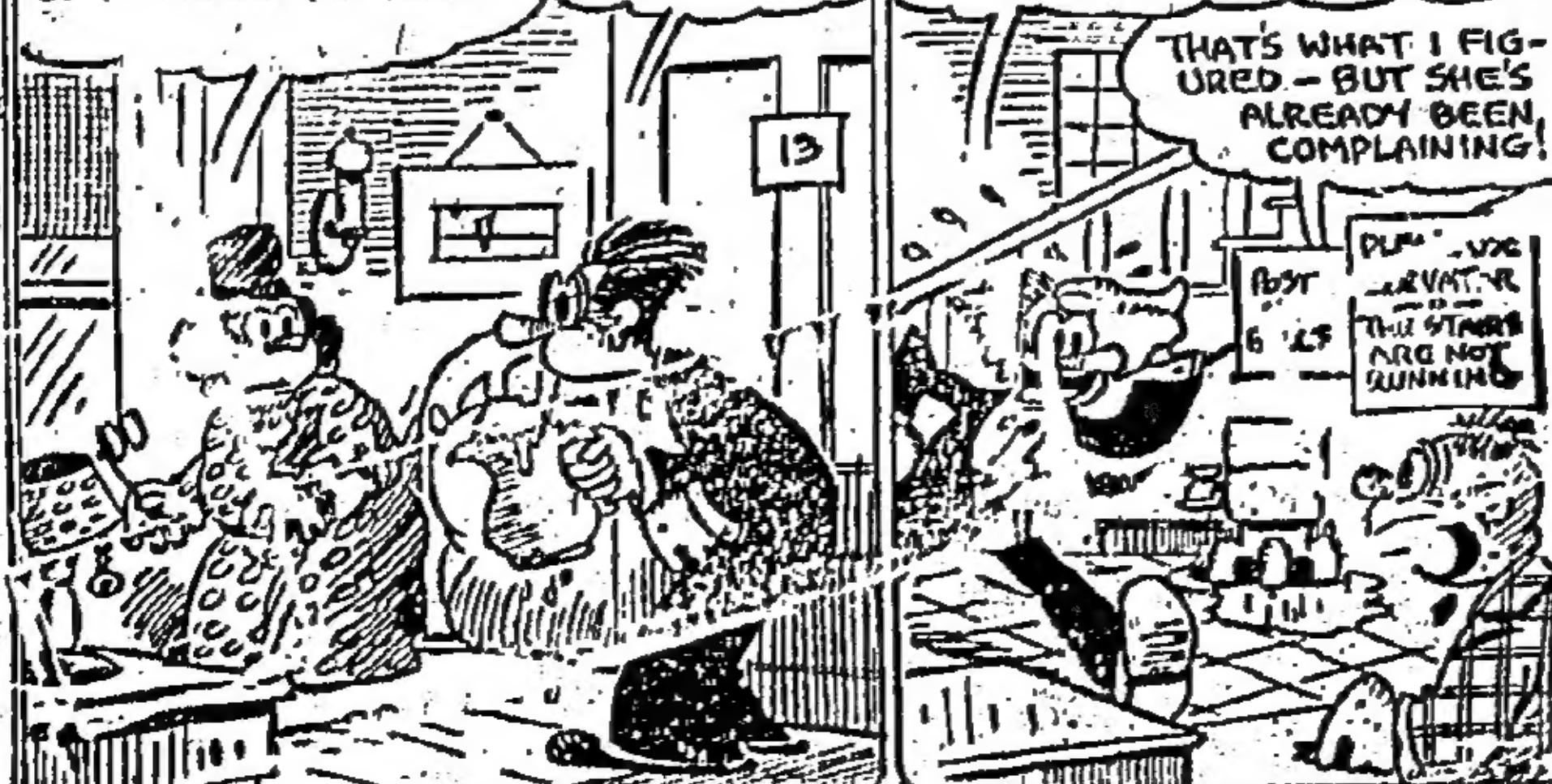
WELL, I GUESS WE'RE CERTAINLY MAKIN' MRS. SHECKELS STAY AT THE HOTEL A PLEASANT ONE.

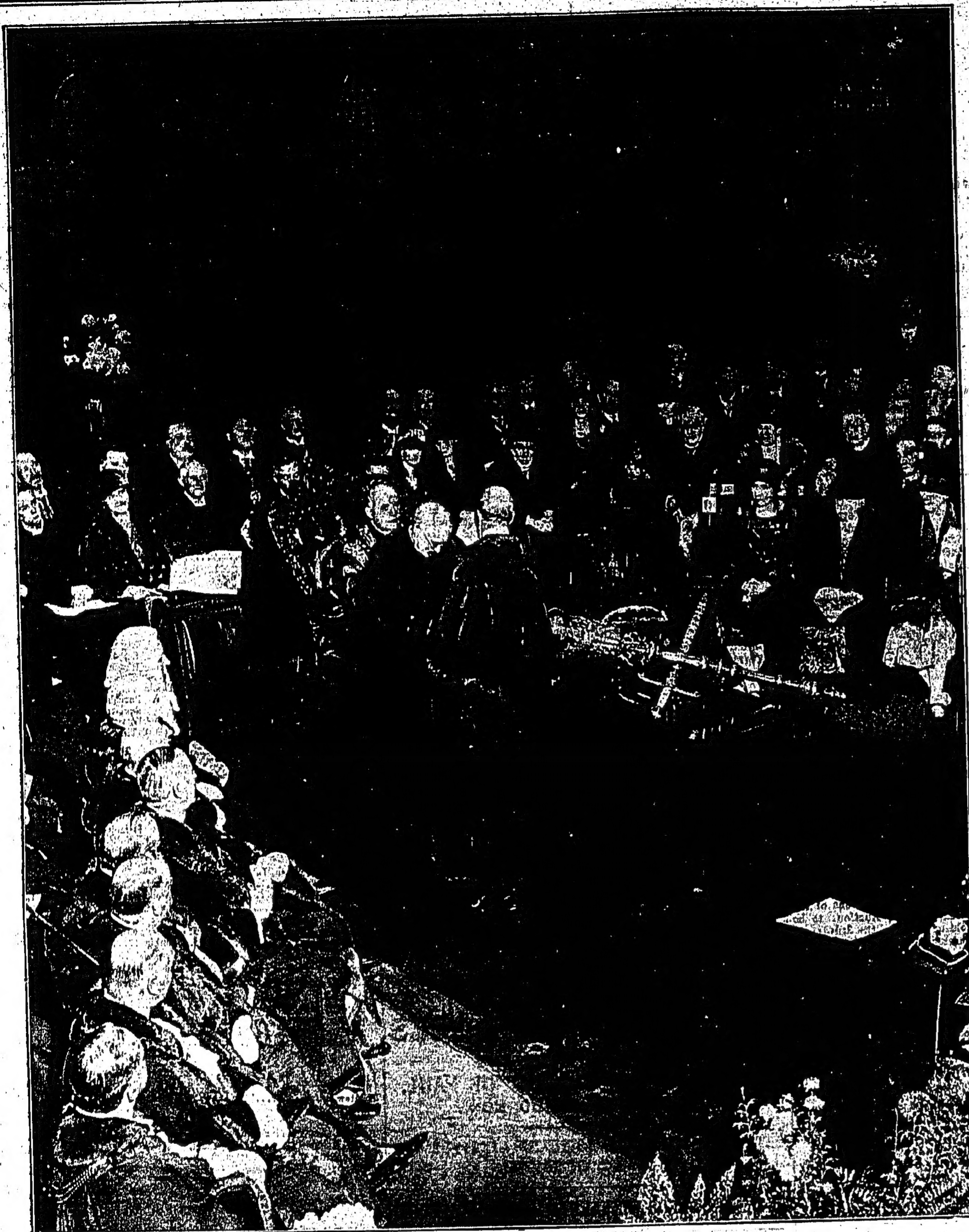
THAT'S WHAT I FIGURED—BUT SHE'S ALREADY BEEN COMPLAINING!

PER GOSH SAKES, WHAT ABOUT? GEE, HER ROOM'S GOT A BED IN IT—LIGHTS IN THE SOCKETS—SEVEN ON THE WINDOWS—A LOCK ON THE DOOR—A RUNNIN' HOT AN' COLD WATER!

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The retiring Archbishop of Canterbury. The (Most Rev. Dr. Randall Davidson) was recently made a Freeman of the City of London, in recognition of his outstanding national and public services. Our photograph shows a scene in the Guildhall when the City Chamberlain (Sir Adrian Pollock) extended the right hand of fellowship before presenting the Primate with a gold box containing a copy of the Freedom. Mrs Davidson is the second lady on the right hand side of the photograph. (Times copyright).

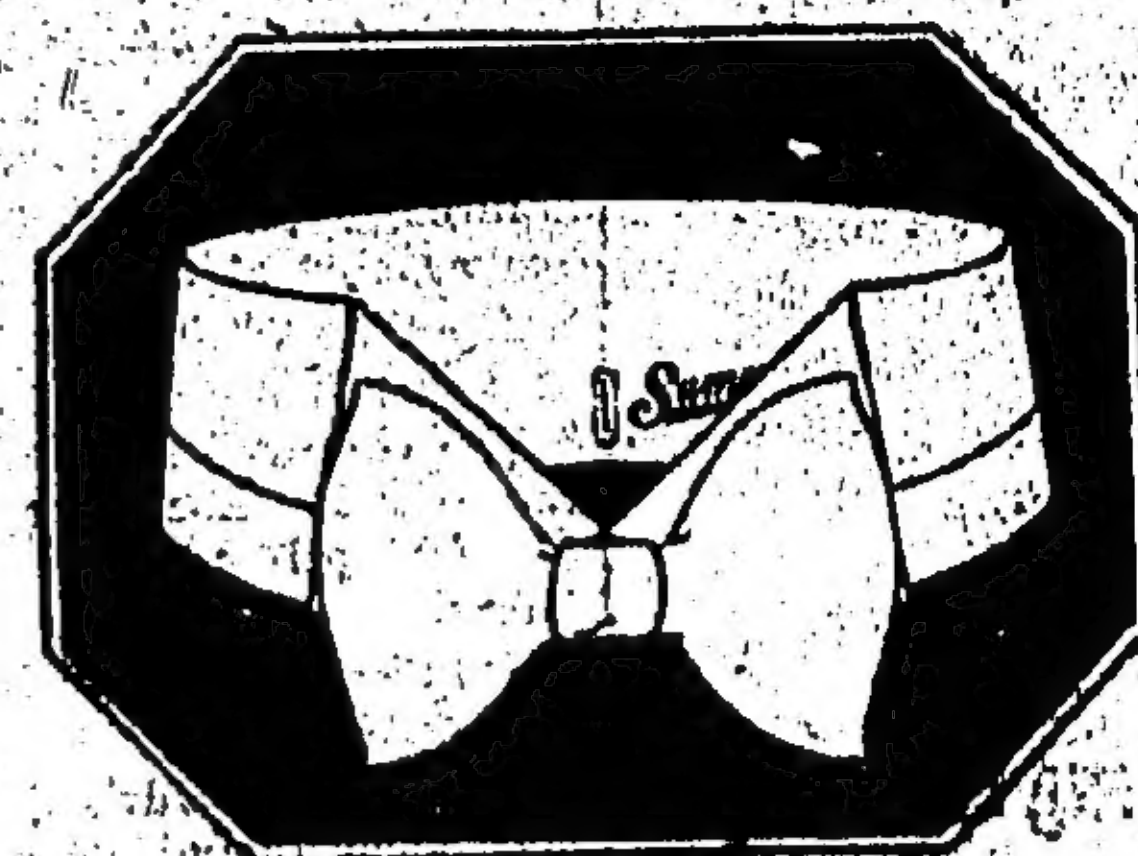


The real beauty of the magnificent chrysanthemums pictured above is in the colours and the delicate curl of the petals, which a photograph like the above cannot show. It does show, however, a few of the hundreds of gorgeous blooms which were displayed at the Annual Autumn Chrysanthemum Show at the Shanghai Town Hall recently.



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The Eighth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 1st December, 1928, commencing at 2 p.m.

The First bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.
The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including ladies.

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Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each up to Friday, 30th November, 1928.

The charge for admission for ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the secretary, badges for admission of 2 ladies free of charge.
Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

N.B.—Attention is drawn to a change in routine at above meeting. Horses entered for races will not bear distinctive numbers in the Race Book as heretofore, but starters as they are weighed out will be numbered consecutively and such numbers exhibited on the Board. All horses starting in a race will display a saddle cloth bearing a number corresponding to the horse's Board number and such number will also apply to Pari Mutuel and Cash Sweep tickets.

THE HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

SECOND TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

Saturday, 1st December, at 9.15 p.m.

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Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of December, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsi, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Lot.	Boundary Measurements.	Area in Acres.	Area in Square Feet.	Area in Square Meters.	Upset Price.
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The impression that the English language may in the future become a language largely of short words spoken with a rapid, staccato utterance was left in the minds of those who heard Professor Otto Jespersen lecture to the British Academy at Burlington House on "Monosyllabism in English."

Professor Jespersen (who was at one time Professor of English in the University of Copenhagen) outlined the gradual changes by which English has more and more come to acquire the character of a monosyllabic language such as Chinese. He pointed out that it was easy to build up in English whole sentences consisting entirely of monosyllables, and instances "The Song of the International Workers of the World": "Work and play, eat and pray, You'll get 'em when you die."

In the first 42 lines of the "Canterbury Tales," he said, were found 50 words of two syllables which have since been reduced to monosyllables. There were also the modern shortenings of school-boy and journalistic slang, such as "lab," "maths," and "ad."

The tendency towards monosyllabism was stronger in English than in any other language—a fact which was borne out by the number of monosyllables such as "land" and "dud," which, without any ascertained etymology, had emerged in the last century.

Miss Elsie Illingworth, who came from New York to secure an option from Chaplin for the making of a movie-tone picture, caught the Carinthia at Liverpool only by taking a tender which followed the liner.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office is now situated on Des Voeux Road, next on the ground floor of the P and O is opened day and night. All particulars as to ships in to the General Post Office. This office is joined at the Radio Office as above. Communication, rates etc. may be obtained at the Radio Office. Radio Telegrams may be sent to Europe, America, Philippine Islands, Dutch East Indies and many other destinations; also to Canton and many places in South China. Full particulars at the Radio Office.

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XMAS LETTER MAIL "VIA SIBERIA" FOR GREAT BRITAIN.
Xmas Letter Mail "via Siberia" for Great Britain will be closed in the G.P.O. at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday 1st December, per a. Chemoucaux.

This mail should reach London about the 22nd December. It is hereby notified that on and after 26th November radio-telegram will be accepted at the Radio office for transmission to Pahlol at \$0.50 per word—the receiver to pay any charge levied by the Pahlol Station.

INWARD MAIL.

From	Per	Date
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	London, 8th, 9th and 10th November	Karmala November 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Shanghai and Swatow	Pres. Harrison December 1.
Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers), London, 1st Nov.	Karmala	Chemoucaux December 1.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	London, 1st Nov.	Pres. Cleveland December 2.
Australia and Manila	St. Albans	December 2.
Straits	Tralawny	December 2.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	December 2.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	December 6.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Malwa	December 7.
Per	Per	Per
Amoy and Japan	Talamba	Fri., Nov. 30, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kitano Maru	Sat., Dec. 1.

OUTWARD MAIL.

Per	Date and Time
Registration	30th 4.30 p.m.
Letters	1st 9 a.m.
Registration	1st 8.45 a.m.
Letters	1st 9.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles, 30th Dec.)	
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Sat., Dec. 1.
Parcels	Nov. 30, 5 p.m.
Registration	Dec. 1, 9.15 a.m.
Letters	Dec. 1, 10 a.m.
(Due Thursday Island, 10th Dec.)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Karmala Sat., Dec. 1.
Parcels	Fri., Nov. 30, 4.30 p.m.
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G. P. O.	
Parcels	Fri., Nov. 30, 5 p.m.
Reg.	Sat., Dec. 1, 9.45 a.m.
Letters	Sat., Dec. 1, 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 29th Dec.)	

*Straits, Bombay, L. Marques, and South Africa	Canada Maru	Sat., Dec. 1, 9 a.m.
Formosa	Sanuki Maru	Sat., Dec. 1, 10 a.m.
Amoy	Chenan	Sat., Dec. 1, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Chenoucaux	Sat., Dec. 1, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Tonkin	Sat., Dec. 1, 1.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Harrison	Sat., Dec. 1, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwelyang	Sun., Dec. 2, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Dec. 2, 9 a.m.
Haiphong	Caravellas	Sun., Dec. 2, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Dalny	Luchow	Sun., Dec. 2, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and S. America	President Lincoln	Mon., Dec. 3.
*Europe via San Francisco	Parcels	Mon., Dec. 3.
	Registration	Mon., Dec. 3.
	Letters	Mon., Dec. 3.
	(Due San Francisco 26th Dec.)	

Swatow	Hydrangea	Tues., Dec. 3, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	President Lincoln	Mon., Dec. 3.
	Letters only	Mon., Dec. 3.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Tues., Dec. 4, 1 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Andre Lebon	Tues., Dec. 4.
	Registration	Tues., Dec. 4.
	Letters	Tues., Dec. 4.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	Tues., Dec. 4.
	Letters	Tues., Dec. 4.
	(Due Marseilles 4th January.)	

Holhow	King Yuan	Tues., Dec. 4, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	Tues., Dec. 4, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hopang	Tues., Dec. 4, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Yuensang	Fri., Dec. 7.
	Parcels	noon
	Letters	noon
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri., Nov. 7, 2 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Malwa	Fri., Dec. 8.
	Parcels	Fri., Dec. 8.
	Registration	Fri., Dec. 8.
	Letters	Fri., Dec. 8.
	G. P. O.	
	Parcels	Fri., Dec. 8.
	Registration	Fri., Dec. 8.
	Letters	Fri., Dec. 8.
	(Due Marseilles, 7th Jan. 1929.)	

Manila	Pres. Madison	Sat., Dec. 8, 4.30 p.m.
Straits, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Diomed	Tues., Dec. 11.
	Registration	Tues., Dec. 11.
	Letters	Tues., Dec. 11.
	G. P. O.	
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	(Due Marseilles 11th January, 1929.)	

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WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.



The rose-red taffeta, left, wires its little basque to stand out pertly and adds a front row for adornment. Flat rosettes make a new thing of the old-fashioned bustle on the pompour flowered taffeta, (centre). Diagonal lines are followed in the way the uneven tiers are posed on the black satin dinner gown at the right.

Toilet Boxes.

POPULAR REVIVAL IN
ORNAMENTAL CASKETS.

The farthingale and beffuffed dames of the days of "Good Queen Bess" were wont to keep their complexion pinks and simples, and little phials of this and that strange concoction warranted to produce youth and beauty, in handsome caskets in their tiring rooms. These were treasured possessions, worthy of the rare and expensive perfumes and lotions kept locked within. Some of them, to be seen nowadays in museum cases, are covered with exquisite embroidery; others are wonderful examples of the Renaissance carvers' and jewellers' art.

There has been a popular revival lately in the use of ornamental caskets. Gaily decorated and richly ornate boxes, utilised for cigarettes, playingcards and bridge-markers, correspondence, as well as trinkets, handkerchiefs, gloves and other oddments, are seen on all the tables in the smart woman's rooms. Finally following the modern tendency to keep dressing-table top clear of all encumbrances which collect dust, mindy sets upon it a beautiful toilet casket, and after the custom of her long-past ancestresses, keeps inside her dainty pots of face cream, powders, lip-sticks, and so forth, for daily use. Another box holds shingle brushes, comb and manicure instruments.

Antique Pieces.

These boxes are often fac-similes of antique pieces; carved and gilded; jewelled and painted with strange devices. Those of more modern tendency are gorgeously lacquered. A quaint, old-fashioned print is sometimes stuck on the lid, and the rest of the box is decorated in keeping. A coat of yellow varnish gives it the necessary antique look.

Some have mirrors set inside the lids. The formidable latch and key, which were once deemed important, are scarcely so now. Many of the

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THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

People are fond of speculating as to the elements which go to the making of the successful man, inkling most often, as the hall-mark of success the possession of a great fortune.

Is it, they ask, brains, opportunity, hard work, thrift or simply luck that enables some men to march straight on from one success to another, while others who seemed not greatly inferior to them in ability remain in the humble position in which they began life.

A millionaire who ran away to sea when a penniless boy of fourteen, and who, returning after one trip, collected thirty shillings, and then left as an emigrant for New Zealand, has returned to London, and has been telling a Press representative how he won success.

The golden key which opened the magic door to him was not thrust into his hand by any sudden chance that might come once in a lifetime or never at all to most men.

Hard work and vision were the two ingredients of his success, and neither by itself, according to him, are sufficient.

Possibly that fact accounts for many of the most tragic failures—those which come most near to success.

boxlike fasten merely with a gold or silver cord loop over a pretty button.

Plain wooden boxes, made of white wood suitable for lacquering, are purchasable in the turnery department of any store; or one can manufacture a very fair imitation of an antique casket by covering any suitable box which has a hinged lid with furniture brocade of tapestry of effective pattern, finishing edges with cord or galon.

Fashion Notes.

THE BLACK AND WHITE
VOGUE.

Some of the clothes being shown are perhaps too pretty, too picturesque, to wear for the use of every-day life, but it is not possible to say that they are not perfectly charming.

The dressmakers are working widely in black and white, and black and silver. Little soft, silky frocks, with a trimming of white and black silk braid are done in two or three slim ways. There are black coats and skirts with white blouses, and bunches of ribbon at the wrist and at the neck.

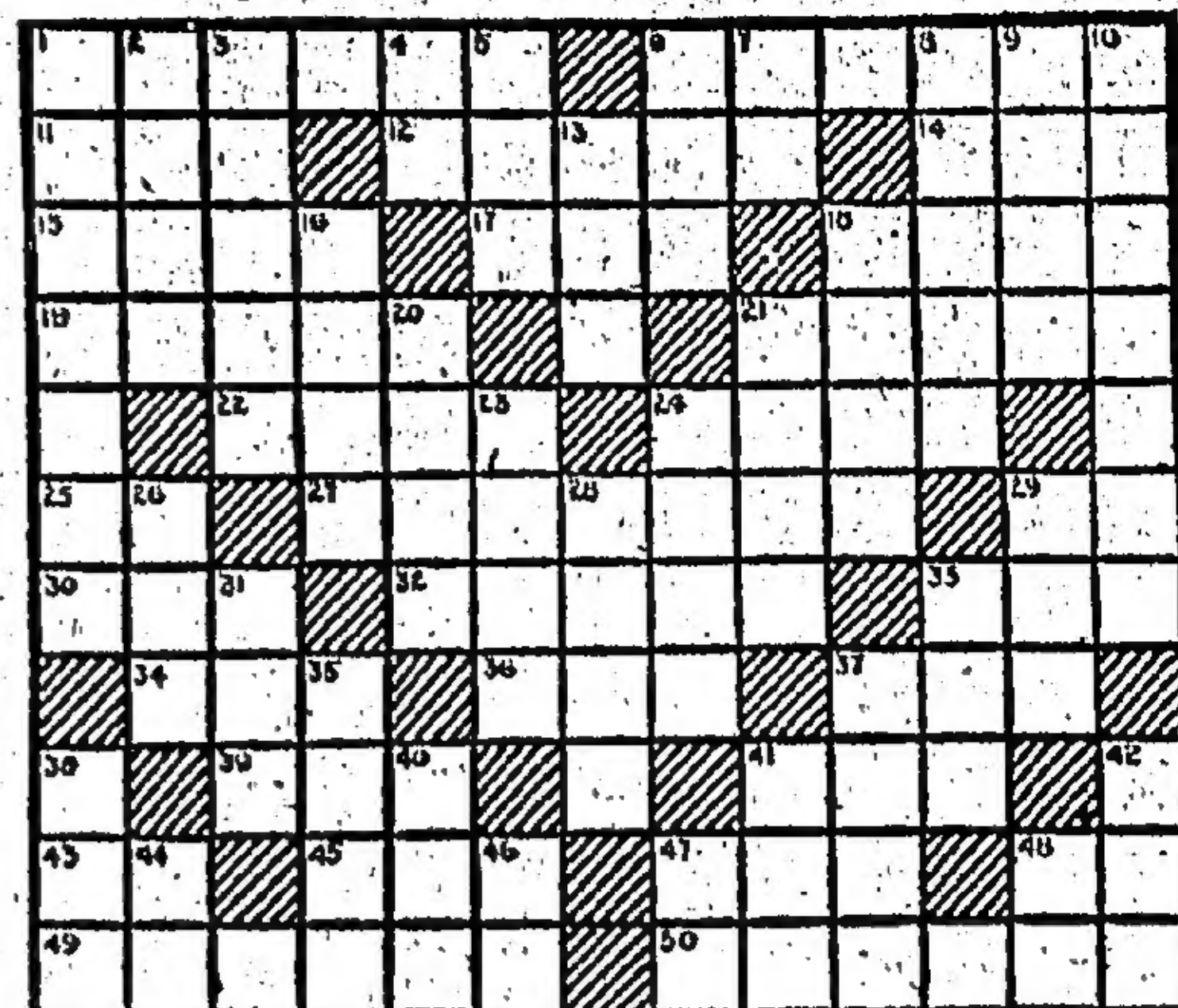
There are little silver lame dresses for evening wear that are trimmed with nothing at all, but depend upon line and cut for their attractiveness. Then there are black taffetas dresses richly worked in silver and crystal, which look like copies of Court-dresses under the Roi Soleil. There are little white kid coats lined with fur to wear over whatever sort of dress you like.

The new skirt is sure to be a success for evening wear, bien entendu. It is adapted from the Turkish trousers to modern needs, and looks very well indeed.

Evening dresses are made in many styles. There is the straightline dress of georgette and embroidery, the full picture dress, the period dress, which is beloved of slim women, and a new picture dress in black tulle, with a coloured sequin bodice, and a huge bow of black taffetas on the hip.

The Paris couturier likes a dress to look as if little nymphs played with it all the time. These dresses are often not quite still, though they do not look restless. They are light and gay and young. Small flowers are used to finish off a little neck fichu, or a motif of little flowers is used as a full-stop on a hip, or at the waist.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal:

1. What large tunnel pierces the Continental Divide near Denver?
2. Ducked.
3. Night preceding a holiday.
4. Who led the Israelites out of Egypt? (Bib.)
5. Favourite Japanese fish.
6. Rots by exposure.
7. Cooking utensil.
8. High terrace.
9. Wapt.
10. Scraggle.
11. Sixty grains.
12. Profit.
13. Second note in scale.
14. What valuable is mined in the great quantity in Colombia?
15. Half an cm.
16. Sweet points.
17. Place of business.
18. What type of fish is caught in great numbers off the banks of Newfoundland?
19. Wand.
20. To recede.
21. Play on words.
22. Beverage.
23. To scatter as hay.
24. Measure of area.
25. Wing part of a seed.
26. Feather scarf.
27. Italian river.
28. Dark red semi-precious stone.
29. What French woman was the assassin of Marat, the revolutionist?

Vertical:

1. Which is the nearest known plant to the sun?
2. Above.
3. Having an offensive smell.
4. Part of verb to be.
5. Peak.

Across:

1. Lair of a beast.
2. Bone.
3. Rear end of a vessel.
4. To believe.
5. What is the hardest substance known?
6. To sink as bed springs.
7. Withered.
8. Girl.
9. Obstructions in streams.
10. Hoarty.
11. To alk.
12. Fashion of dress.
13. Organ of hearing.
14. Garment.
15. Era.
16. Whitticism.
17. That portion of food brought up by ruminating animals for a second chewing?
18. Head of a college.
19. Fruit.
20. A mail pouch.
21. Beer.
22. Also.
23. Denure.
24. Sun god.
25. Preposition of place.
26. Abbreviation for "Before Christ."
27. Dad.

Yesterday's Solution.

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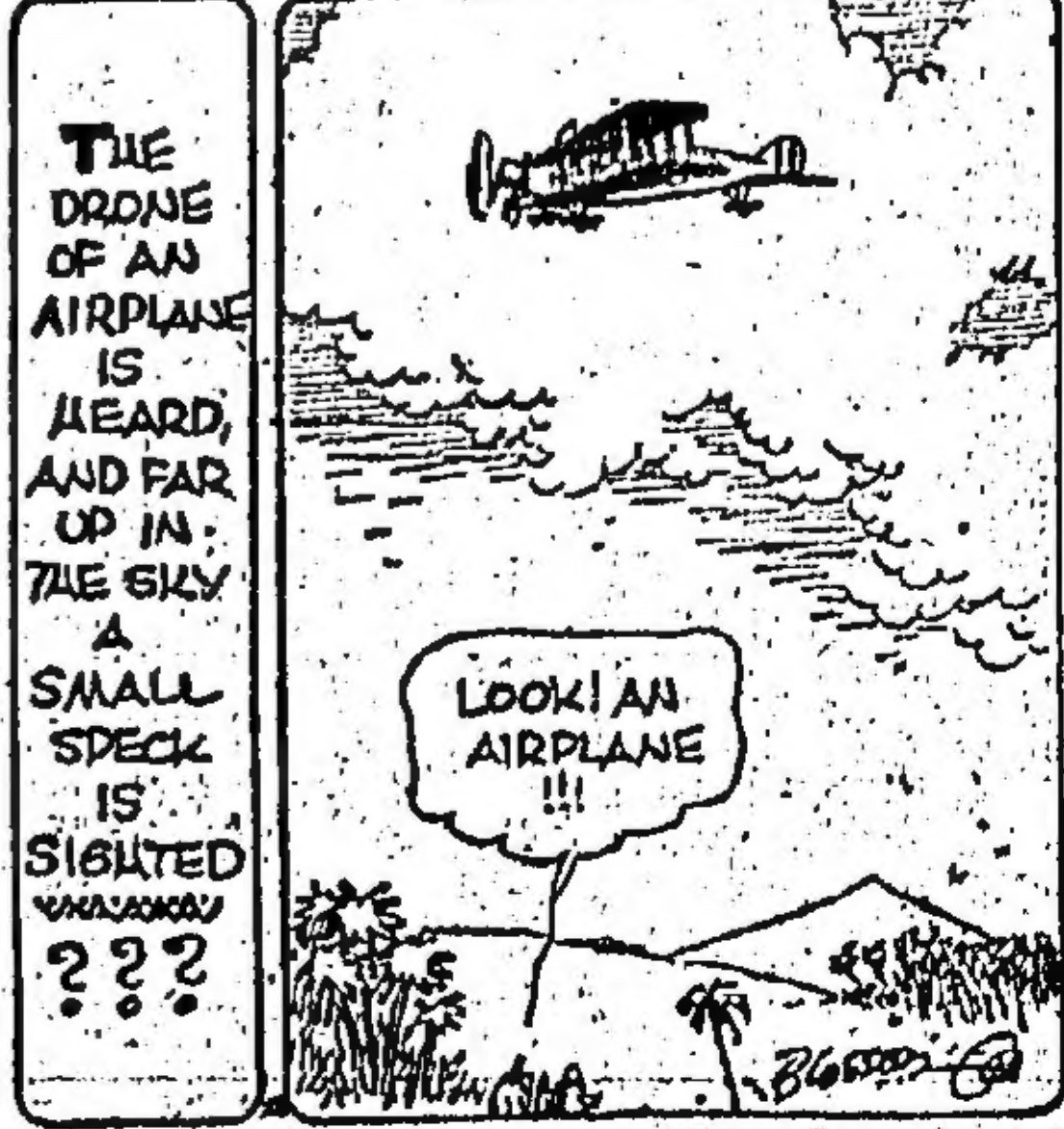
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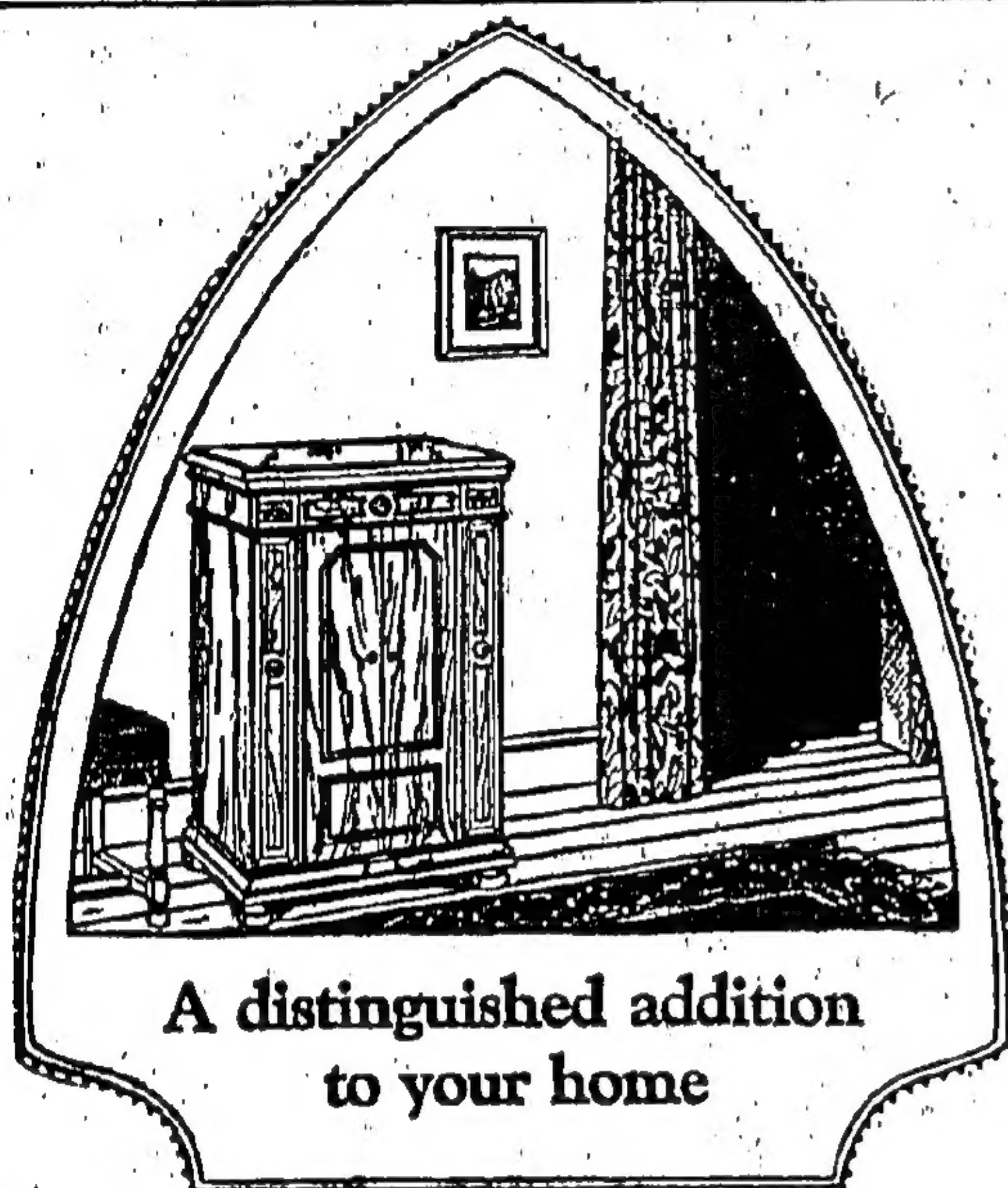
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DEATH

CAPELL.—At his residence this morning, James Rulph Capell, (late of A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.), age 64. Funeral passes the Monument at 5.15 p.m. today.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ribeiro tender sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement, also for floral tributes sent and attendance at the funeral.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Marriage arranged between Mr. G. B. S. Thomson and Miss F. E. Kitson, will take place at St. John's Cathedral, on Saturday 8th December, at 3 p.m. Invitations are not being issued, but all friends will be welcome at the Cathedral, and afterwards at the Hongkong Hotel.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30, 1928.

**THE POWERS AND
CHINA.**

In view of reports which have recently been in circulation regarding the possibility of greater unity between Britain and Japan on Far Eastern problems, it was not surprising that, on his reappearance in the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain should be questioned with a view to making the position quite clear. From the answers given, it is apparent that there has been no definite understanding reached between the two countries, and that all that has taken place is a continuance of the procedure of informal exchanges of opinion between the two Ministers in Peking as and when these become necessary. There has been some effort made in certain quarters of late to suggest that Britain has been maintaining a closer contact with Japan than with the United States on China problems, but Sir Austen was able to dispel that idea by a categorical statement that there has been the same co-operation with the American Minister as with the Japanese Ambassador.

To any student of the Chinese problem, it is obvious that there are many questions now under consideration which affect each and all of the Powers. That being the case, it is only natural that there should be free and frank discussion

between the members of the Diplomatic Body with a view to ascertaining to what extent unity of attitude in regard thereto is possible. In some cases, a common course of action has been found feasible; in others, opinions have differed. Sir Austen Chamberlain, in referring to the consultations between the British and Japanese representatives in Peking, as good as intimated that the two countries do not see eye to eye on all matters, but he inferred that there was a value in the conversations, even when they did not succeed in the attainment of unity of outlook, because they at least made it possible for the two sides to explain and understand each others' viewpoint. Unfortunately, or otherwise, according to how we are inclined to view the matter, there is now no prospect of all the Powers being aligned in regard to the many aspects of the Chinese situation which have still to be dealt with. British policy has long since been laid down in the declarations of two years ago, and, having decided on the adoption of a liberal attitude in regard to China's aspirations, it is satisfactory to find that there is no intention of departing from the spirit of the line of action then decided on. At the present juncture, it would be the height of folly for Britain to conclude understandings with any Power in regard to China, for such a course of action would, we are convinced, have disastrous consequences. There may, of course, be some matters on which Britain would find herself in agreement with others of the Powers, and in such cases co-operation would obviously be of mutual advantage, but to single out any one nation for special consideration in this regard would be extremely unwise.

The Anglo-Chinese tariff negotiations now in progress are of the utmost importance, and all who are engaged in commerce in the Far East will watch the developments thereon with the greatest interest. As yet, the extrajurisdictional issue is not being dealt with, and it is on this question that we expect to see a free exchange of views between the Washington Powers. The points involved in this matter are of worldwide concern, and they will require the most delicate handling. We are hopeful, however, that it will be possible for all the Powers to keep together on this vitally important subject, the adjustment of which will have a big effect on the future relations between China and the nations with whom she has intercourse.

St. Andrew's Day.

Some sort of superstition still persists among people of the south that the Scotsman did, at all events once upon a time, wear the kilt, and it is a little disappointing to Sassanachs on the day of St. Andrew to find it is not an occasion for the proud swirling of the national costume. The Scotsman, however, celebrates his national day in another way, extending the hand of good fellowship to the other half of the foreign community, and making them feel thoroughly at home among people whose language may be incomprehensible to him. St. Andrew's Ball, to be held to-night, is invariably the event of the year, a democratic social function where real friendships are cultivated, in a word, a triumph of organization. Nothing is omitted which could add to the pleasure of the evening, and speeches are few. St. Andrew's Society which has charge of the celebrations is seldom heard of except on the occasion of the annual glorification, but we happen to be in the position to know that it performs a great deal of quiet benevolence in the interests of Scots who find themselves apparently friendless in a strange land. The Society is fortunate in its Chief, the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, who has had the support of a whole army of willing officials in an effort to make to-night the greatest event. The result, we venture to say, is eminently satisfactory if a wealth of colour and artistic effect is any criterion, and it only remains for the clans and their guests to enter into the spirit of the occasion, as they may be trusted to do, to ensure abundant success.

DAY BY DAY.

IF YOU WANT TO SUCCEED IN THE WORLD YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN OPPORTUNITIES AS YOU GO ON.—John B. Gough.

Eight more cases of small-pox (all Chinese) were notified yesterday. All but one were from Kowloon.

H.M.S. Suffolk arrived at Shihmizue from Kobe on Thursday. The Berwick leaves Yokohama today for Yokohama.

An amended notification states that the P. and O. s.s. Karmala, which is bringing down the Siberian mail, will not arrive here until 5 p.m. to-day.

An intimation has been received that the four Singapore flying boats which left Hongkong yesterday morning arrived safely at Tourane in the afternoon.

Attempting to rescue a man pinned by a fall at Clifton Colliery, Nottingham, Mr. J. Tomlinson was killed by a further fall. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the city council the previous week.

H. E. the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. W. T. Southern, accompanied by Captain A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C., attended a presentation of the "King of Kings" commencing at 6 o'clock last evening. This inspiring story of the life of Christ is being shown for the last time to-morrow.

We are informed that the body of the late Captain D. A. Thomson, Marine Superintendent of the China Navigation Co. in Hongkong, who died at sea on Monday last, will arrive here on the s.s. Kinyuan, from Hongkong to-morrow at 7 a.m. The funeral will take place in the afternoon, passing the monument at 4.30 o'clock.

The case against Wong Sui-poon, who is charged with practicing medicine without a proper licence, was again remanded to-day for another week, owing to Inspector L. P. Lane's inability to stay for any length at the Central Magistracy, due to the trial of Carvalho Yeo in the Supreme Court. The case has now been fixed for Thursday morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—As a keen supporter of the local Philharmonic Society and one wishing it every success not only in its forthcoming production but future ones, I am asking the courtesy of your columns to comment on "Allegro's" notes in your issue of yesterday regarding the announcement of the production. "Allegro" considers that announcement of the production should have been made long ago, apparently forgetting entirely that the Society gave its utmost support to the Grand Tattoo and that rehearsals were consequently delayed. Obviously the Society has made its announcement as soon as possible—it has had sufficient experience. I imagine to know when the time is ripe for requesting the support of the public. Criticism of a delay due entirely to the Society's work in the event mentioned is surely unwarranted. "Allegro" asserts that at this time of the year people are booked up weeks and even months in advance, but one wonders how many people there are who have engagements on each of the seven occasions on which "Tom Jones" will be presented. And probably the majority of that most likely small number would endeavour to arrange matters so that "Tom Jones" was not missed, whatever their previous engagements.

Even gentle criticism of this kind is surely inconsistent with one who, interested in music, should also be interested in the Philharmonic Society and I feel it desirable, more so as one well-wisher, to point out what I consider unfair remarks in connexion with the local amateurs. I, like many another, will watch the production, which I understand is far more ambitious than anything tackled before, with sympathetic interest. The magnitude of the task should serve to provoke appreciation of the Society's work rather than criticism of supposed belated announcements, although the advertising effect produced will no doubt be duly appreciated by the Society.—Yours, etc. WELL-WISHER.

Hongkong, Nov. 30th, 1928.

**HONGKONG PIANIST
IN SHANGHAI.**

**WARM TRIBUTES TO MR.
HARRY ORE.**

Shanghai newspapers give high praise to the work of Mr. Harry Ore, the well-known Hongkong pianist, for the able manner in which he played at the second concert held in connexion with the Schubert Centenary there. The N.C. Daily News says:—Mr. Harry Ore played the "Sonata in A major, op. 12" which was very well received. Mr. Ore's mastery of the technique of the piano is well known to music lovers in Shanghai and in other cities in the Far East. Later on, he was particularly brilliant in the highly descriptive "Wanderer-Fantasy" which he played with the orchestra. It is not at all surprising that Schubert said of this, "Let the devil himself play the stuff," for the calls upon sheer technical skill, particularly in the phrases which are only too apparently intended to picture the wayfarer caught in an East European snow storm, are almost beyond the dreams of the amateur. Mr. Pacl and Mr. Ore are both to be congratulated on elevating this very interesting composition from the tawdriness into which one easily falls when playing programmatic music. In its criticism, the China Press says:—The piano soloist, Mr. Harry Ore, played the difficult Sonata in A Major. This classic Sonata has rarely been played with such a fine feeling in our midst. We certainly admire the player's mystic yet brilliant touch and he is indeed a fine artist. Needless to say, he was

**THE "TELEGRAPH" ART
SUPPLEMENT.**

**Pictorial Features of Our
To-morrow's Issue.**

To-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement will once again be found extremely interesting. In the pictorial section, there will be photographs taken at the weddings of Mr. D.H. Blinke and Miss E.G. Williams, of Mr. Edward Moore and Miss E. Dow, and of Dr. Durran and Miss K. Hunter. The annual Brownie Competition at Government House will be shown in some interesting pictures, whilst of the Volunteers in camp there will be photographs showing the Machine Gun Company at work and also of the Motor Cycle Section of the Armoured Car Company.

In the realm of sport, there will be photographs taken at the Lai Wah Cup football match between the Chinese and the Civilians, the steep-chasing at Kwant, and lawn bowls at Government House. Other pictures will include the new school at Cheung Chau and a portrait of Miss Kwok Choy-ming with many trophies won in swimming. The magazine section will include a most interesting illustrated article on a trip over the Kongmoon-Sunning Railway, whilst the special "Ladies" page will deal with the return of the Princess style.

encored. The "Wanderer-Fantasy" with orchestral accompaniment, is a concerto that excels from the pianist no little energy. As played by Mr. Harry Ore Sunday night, it was a masterful and brilliant number. The pianist's fine technique and masterly manner was exceptionally good in all details, of the musician's interpretation. The final movement of this number was a genuine treat for all music-lovers of Schubert with its brilliancy. He was encored again and again when he very kindly gave another number which was equally enjoyable.

"WILD FIREWOOD."

**MAGISTRATE DOES NOT
LIKE PHRASE.**

That he did not like the phrase, "wild firewood," as a description for trees other than pine trees, was the comment made by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning when two female villagers of Kowloon City were charged with being in unlawful possession of 150 catties of wood.

While commenting upon the unusual phraseology his Worship remarked that he understood what was meant by the charge. The defendant, when charged, said that the wood had come from a forestry area for which they held permits to cut firewood. Mr. J. J. Hirt, who prosecuted, pointed out that persons holding forestry permits were only allowed to cut trees less than two inches in diameter, whereas the trees produced were nearly four inches. A fine of \$10 each was imposed.

The Very Idea!

A Roman cemetery 1,800 years old has been discovered in Budapest itself at a spot where formerly an important Roman colony was situated. Eighty-two tombs, containing the remains of Romans of the aristocratic class, have so far been discovered. In the tombs have been found flasks of perfume, bronze mirrors, valuable jewels, and medical instruments. In one tomb the skeleton hand of a woman was found holding a bronze mirror as if she was still admiring herself in it. On another tomb was the inscription, "The citizens of Colonia Agrippina (now Cologne) contributed two hundred denarii to the erection of this monument." The tombs were at a depth of three feet below the street level.

Sandy in a moment of abstraction put half-a-crown in the collection plate in mistake for a penny, and has since expended a deal of thought as to the best way of making up for it.

"No, I might stay away from the kirk till the sum was made up, but on the other hand I'd be payin' poor rent at the time an' gettin' aye guid o't. Losh! but I'm thinkin' this is what the meenister ca's a 'relegious difficulty'."

Barrister to man at Shoreditch County Court: Will you tell your wife to behave herself in future? Man: (nervously): I would rather you told her.

Coroner, at Penget: I suppose the first you heard of this accident was after it had occurred? Witness: Yes, I did not hear of it before.

Bookmaker fined \$10 at Willesden: It was my unlucky day.

Constable: Yes; you had 13 betting slips on you when arrested.

Hotel proprietor at Southend applying for an extension of drinking hours: A bishop will be there.

The Mayor: Is that why you want longer hours?

Applicant: Not necessarily.

The application was granted.

A double-fronted house with a large garden at Watlington, Norfolk, which was bought with pennies, the thirty years' savings of the wife of Mr. Newman, a railway signaller, has just sold for a good round sum. Mrs. Newman, who is now dead, saved every penny she received in change, changed them into silver and the silver into gold, and one day asounded her husband by announcing that she had bought the house.

The fairy tales we loved of old Began with "Once upon a time,"

And still our hearts some fondness hold

For gallant prince and bridal chime

But fairy tales are less ornate

In these prosaic, high-speed days,

And "Very busy—working late"

Became the well-loved, useful phrase.

Now, growing weak and uninspired,

Regarded with a cold disdain,

It fades before the "phoned or wired;

"Hung up"—these traffic jams again!"

Some of the gems from "More Schoolboy Howlers" compiled by Colin Milne:

The dome of St. Paul's is supported by eight peers. Unfortunately they are cracked.

General Smuts are what all the different black races are called in Africa.

Charles Darwin was the originator of the human species.

Polonies was a mythical sausage.

The plural of forget-me-not is forget-us-not.

Thermos are microbes which enter gas meters and set up rapid consumption.

Cotton is grown on some parts of the deacon.

A fissure is a man who sells fish.

Newton discovered that gravity tells us why an apple does not go to heaven.

Raleigh died in James I's reign and started smoking.

An Irish bull is a male cow.

Chesterton committed suicide in a garret at Bristol. He was only nineteen and very thin and hungry, and was nicknamed "the marvellous boy."

Illuminating and informative are the articles figuring in the latest issue of *The Education Journal*, the official organ of the Hongkong University Education Society. All manner of subjects are covered in the contributions, as much interest to the lay mind as to the expert. The journal can be obtained at 50 cents a copy from the University or the Commercial Press, and it is well worth buying.

SHANGHAI OPIUM SCANDAL.

MARSHAL CHIANG'S SILENCE CAUSES SURPRISE.

DISSOLUTION THREAT.

Shanghai, Nov. 29. Regarding the opium smuggling scandal here, it is learned that so far Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the President of the National Government, and also a member of the Nanking Opium Suppression Committee, has not given any definite orders to the Nanking Government on the formation of the suggested board of enquiry. Moreover, though it is reported that Marshal Chiang had sent envoys to Shanghai making enquiries into the case, so far he has made no public statement regarding the punishment of those suspected of being accomplices in the affair.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang and Mr. Chang Chi-kiang, Chairman of the Opium Suppression Committee are stated to be surprised at Marshal Chiang's indecision in the matter. On account of the silence of Marshal Chiang, none of the Nanking leaders, despite their eagerness to punish those responsible for the smuggling, are taking action at the moment.

In some quarters it is explained that Marshal Chiang is taking no action because it is believed that many Chinese merchants in Shanghai taking part in the smuggling are rich and influential and they are co-operating with merchants in Chekiang.

Mr. Chang Chi-kiang is quoted as saying that if the National Government does not take action and if those responsible for the affair are not punished, he will announce the dissolution of the Opium Suppression Committee.

Mr. Chang Chi-kiang is quoted as saying that he will back up Mr. Chang Chi-kiang in seeing that justice is done. Mr. Chang Chi-kiang wired to Marshal Chiang for a second time last night asking for instructions. His first cable has not yet been replied to.

Marshal Chiang returned to Wuhu last night from Anking and there are rumours that he is leaving for Nanking in the near future.

"REPREENSIBLE CONDUCT."

MARRIED MAN REBUKED BY BENCH.

A married man, Reginald Stacey Heller, of Hayes-road, Bromley, Kent, summoned Clifford E. J. Porter, master printer, of Sherman-road, Bromley, at Bromley Police Court recently for assault.

It was stated that Heller had been captain of the Kent Rugby team, and that during the war he was a captain in the R.F.C. and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Heller said that he was living apart from his wife by mutual agreement. He got to know Miss Porter, Mr. Porter's daughter, in January this year. On August 7 he was escorting her home and Mr. Porter came from a hedge and struck him over the head with a walking stick. He ran away from Porter, because he did not want to strike him back. For some reason Porter objected to his friendship with his daughter.

On October 21 he said Porter followed them into Bromley North Station, called him some "rather objectionable names," and struck him across the temple with a walking stick.

In reply to Mr. B. H. Waddy (for Porter) Heller said that he was in love with Miss Porter and he had stated that when he got a divorce he would prefer to marry her. He had taken Miss Porter for motor drives and to dances, and sometimes she did not get home until after midnight.

Girl Under 20. Mr. Waddy—You appreciate that the girl is not yet twenty?—Yes. Did she strike her father?—No, she stood between when her father went to strike me.

Do you intend to continue this association with Miss Porter?—Yes.

Are you prepared to give it up until she is 21?—No.

Porter said that his daughter was living with his wife, from whom he was living apart. He objected to Heller associating with his daughter, and as long as he could stand he would fight for her honour.

Mr. Waddy—Have you remonstrated with him?—Every time I have seen him I have challenged him and asked what he was going to do in the interests of decency.

The Chairman said that Heller appeared to have done everything he humanly could to provoke the assault. According to his own admissions he had behaved in an extremely reprehensible way. The Bench took a very serious view of his conduct.

At the same time, he said Porter should not have taken the law into his own hands. Having regard to all the circumstances, they would not inflict a penalty, but would bind him over for twelve months.

NEW PROBLEM OF WEEDS.

OWNER'S REFUSAL TO DESTROY THEM.

Minhead, Nov. 1. The Somerset County Agricultural Committee summoned Henry Charles Venning, a landowner, of Elworthy, at Williton to-day for failing to comply with a notice requiring him to cut down or destroy injurious weeds growing on his land.

Mr. Norman Oldfield (prosecuting) said the Committee received a complaint, and Major Parkes, their land agent, inspected a field with Venning. The field had been planted with Douglas fir and larch, and was in a very foul state. Major Parkes found large quantities of thistle and docks.

Major Parkes said the field was red with docks, and thistleweed was blowing on fields of standing wheat. Venning told him that he would not cut the weeds down, contending that docks were beneficial to his young trees, as they helped to conserve moisture.

Cross-examined, he expressed the opinion that seeds were carried by passing through birds. Mr. R. W. Young (defending) argued that it had been proved by scientists that seed so carried would not germinate.

Mr. Wyndham (Chairman) remarked that birds carried seeds in many other ways.

Ministry's Advice. Venning said the field was drenched till he planted it with trees. He consulted the Forestry Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, and on their advice he allowed the weeds to stand. He had a 90 per cent. successful growth of trees, and was of the opinion that the weeds had contributed to this success.

He produced samples of thistle-down, and contended that the down did not carry seed.

The Chairman—There is a seed here.

Venning—I see it.

Mr. Oldfield—You contend that, as you planted this field as a plantation, you are entitled to continue these weeds notwithstanding the Act of Parliament?—Certainly, in this case.

The Chairman announced that the Bench thought that Venning had not acted unreasonably, and the case would be dismissed.

TROTSKY PREDICTS STALIN'S FALL.

BOLSHEVISM DRIFTING TO ITS END.

Berlin, Nov. 1. Under the present regime, Bolshevism is hurriedly drifting towards its end—this is the conclusion which Trotsky, the exiled organiser of the Red Army, now draws in a book, to prevent the publication of which the Moscow dictators would certainly be prepared to face a month of famine.

Trotsky succeeded in having his book printed clandestinely, but the plot was immediately discovered, the copies were confiscated, and the publishers arrested. Nevertheless, after great difficulty, succeeded in smuggling a copy of the book into Germany.

Trotsky's book, which is shortly to be published here, is an annihilating indictment of the Soviet rulers. He describes the situation as changing rapidly every day from bad to worse, and points out the abyss into which Russia is falling. The rule of the revolutionary workers, he declares, is now but a name to describe a bureaucratic system which throttles all industrial and intellectual initiative.

Faked Statistics. Trotsky goes on to describe how the official propaganda organisations juggle with statistics in such a way as to present a cheerful picture of conditions in Russia, which in reality are very black. Finally, he accuses the present dictator of ruthlessly removing everyone who dares to speak out a word of truth or the slightest criticism.

Those in Europe who have been surprised at the recent rumours about Trotsky, describing how ruthlessly he has been treated by his successors, will understand well enough after reading his new book Moscow's fright when the secret Russian publication was discovered.

Riga, Nov. 1. The Soviet Press rural correspondent, Maximov, who wrote articles accusing the peasants of delaying the delivery of grain by the Siberian Railway, has been waylaid in the neighbourhood of Krasnoyarsk and beaten by peasants, who escaped capture.—Exchange.

Mr. G. Challenor, a Barbados sugar planter, and the West Indies Test cricketer, married Miss Hilda W. Brown, of Polmont, at Muiravonside on November 12.

Atmospheres produced by the Aurora Borealis defeated an attempt by Dr. Ashton, a co-worker with Mr. Bell, inventor of the telephone, to address from London a Boston conference.

HEAVY LOSSES BY FIRE.

CANTON REPORTS OF THREE OUTBREAKS.

TWO LAKHS DAMAGE.

Canton, Nov. 28. A fire of considerable dimensions broke out last Saturday night at about 10 o'clock in the town of Shi Kiu, in the Shun Tak district, and destroyed 72 buildings, causing damage estimated at over two lakhs of dollars.

Of the damage about \$85,000 is recoverable from the Chinese insurance companies, most of the property being covered with them. Foreign companies are only very slightly involved.

This is the first fire of any importance in Shi Kiu for a great

About Hong Kong

Do you know that—

Whilst a new Gaol was being built in Hongkong prisoners were for some years accommodated on a convict hulk moored between Stonecutters Island and the mainland?

Named the "Royal Saxon," this hulk was put into commission in 1863 and nearly 300 long-term prisoners were transferred to it.

The venture was not satisfactory, as there were several escapes from the craft, whilst in July, 1863, an accident occurred by the upsetting of a boat bound for the hulk, with the result that 38 prisoners were drowned.

In 1864, a hundred prisoners, working in collusion with the guards, made their escape. The use of the hulk was discontinued in 1866, and it was sold in the following year and taken to Canton.

number of years. The fire is said to have started in a restaurant, and the flames spread rapidly to the adjoining buildings.

On Monday afternoon there was a small outbreak of fire on the Wing Hon Maloo in Canton, but, thanks to excellent work on the part of the Fire Brigade, the flames were quickly controlled and only one building was partially destroyed.

Not so fortunate were the owners of a godown in Honam which was almost entirely gutted early on Sunday morning. Here a considerable quantity of goods was also destroyed and one lot of palm leaf fans which was to have been shipped the next day for a foreign firm was amongst the damaged goods. In this case the damage amounts to roughly \$25,000.—Our Own Correspondent.

When a plaintiff at Clerkenwell County Court said she did not want the court fee back again, Mr. Registrar Friend said: "On behalf of His Majesty's Government, I thank you for the 1s. 6d. If this becomes the rule the income tax should soon come down."

REMARKABLE SCENE IN A FLAT.

MAN FACES REVOLVER FOR 3½ HOURS.

London, Nov. 2. A remarkable scene in a flat, in which an Englishman, a pretty French girl, and a foreigner were stated to have figured, was described at Bexhill (Sussex) Police Court yesterday.

Marie Louise Berthe Jacquin, aged about 21, of slender build, who was smartly dressed, was accused of attempting to obtain £10,000 from Mr. Edwin John Paxton, of Bexhill, her former employer, by threatening him with a loaded revolver.

Mr. Paxton who lives in a flat on the West Parade, said that Jacquin came to him as a housekeeper in September, 1927, at £6 a month, and remained in his employment until July last. There were disagreements between them, and it was arranged that she should return to France.

Before she went, he said, she demanded £1,000, which was paid her through his solicitor. About a dozen letters had passed between them, and the next he saw of her was about 7.35 p.m. on Wednesday, when she presented herself at his flat.

She walked in, he said, and he noticed that several times she pulled aside the curtains to look out on the road. She pulled a revolver from her pocket, and pointing it at him said, "If you don't pay me £10,000 I'll shoot you."

He said that he told her he had not £10,000 to pay her. The girl replied that she had a man outside, and going to the front door, she admitted a foreigner and motioned him to take a seat by the door.

Ruse to Escape.

Mr. Paxton said that he bargained with Jacquin, who continually flourished the revolver. After some time Jacquin, speaking in French, told the man to fetch Mr. Paxton's watch from a bed-room, and placing it on the table, she said, "If in ten minutes you do not agree to pay me £10,000, I'll shoot you."

He started bargaining again, he said, and this went on until eleven o'clock, when he made the excuse that he must take his car, which was outside without lights, to the garage. This he did, the girl sitting beside him in the front seat with the revolver in her hand, and the man in the back seat.

He said he left the car at the garage and while walking back to the flat he pushed the girl on to the man, knocking them down. As he sprinted towards the Marina he saw a policeman, to whom he shouted that the girl had a pistol and, without stopping, he went to the police station.

Mr. Paxton added that he did not see anything more of the man, whom he did not know. While at the police station the girl was brought in.

Jacquin, who spoke in broken English, denied that she had been housekeeper to Mr. Paxton and said that he had told many lies.

She was remanded in custody.

A tablet and a bed endowed at Woolwich War Memorial Hospital in memory of Sir H. F. Donaldson, who lost his life with Lord Kitchener on the Hampshire, were unveiled and dedicated on November 10.

INTERRUPTION OF YEO TRIAL.

MR. JENKIN WISHES ACCESS TO POLICE FILE.

JURY GETTING TIRED.

Yesterday's proceedings in the Carvalho Yeo trial came to an abrupt conclusion when the hearing was adjourned for the purpose of permitting Mr. Jenkin an opportunity of ascertaining whether a police file for access to which he had applied would be available.

Prior to this, Mr. Jenkin had asked Mr. Justice Jocks' ruling on the point, and the latter had stated that if the officers in charge of the records wanted to produce certain papers, they might do so, but not the whole, because it was against public policy.

Mr. Jenkin—In other words they can produce so much evidence as will be useful to the Crown.

His Lordship said that he did not mean that. He reminded Mr. Jenkin that they had already produced two documents and that the Court could not compel them to produce the whole of the file.

No Compulsion.

Mr. Jenkin—Your Lordship then rules Mr. King is the sole arbiter. His Lordship—He is protected. He is not bound to produce the records. He has to get permission from his superiors. You cannot compel him to produce anything.

Mr. Jenkin—I would like now to know if Mr. King is within the precincts of the Court?

Mr. Potter said that he could help Mr. Jenkin. He had seen Mr. King during 11 p.m. hour and was told that under no circumstances would the records be produced without an order from the Court. Mr. Potter added that he should in any case oppose the production of such records, not only from the public policy point of view but on other grounds.

Adjournment Asked.

Mr. Jenkin said that he was entirely in the Court's and the jury's hands. If they wanted him to go on he would. He would personally prefer an adjournment to find out the attitude of the police.

On being told that the records would seriously affect the case for the defence, his Lordship asked the jury if they thought fit to adjourn the case.

The jury after a short consultation said that it was only fair that Mr. Jenkin should have the opportunity of finding out whether the records could be produced or not. They had no objection to an adjournment. The case was accordingly adjourned until this afternoon.

Jury's Protest.

Earlier in the proceedings, on the recall of Taang On-wing to give evidence regarding cheque signatures, Mr. A. H. Ferguson (for the defence), interposed and said that enough time had been wasted. They were all business men and their time was valuable to them. Their minds had already been made up and they were satisfied, from the evidence already produced, as to the way in which Tsang made his "A." They did not require fresh evidence to prove or disprove it, but they certainly objected to the case being dragged on in this way. The jury was satisfied that the "A" was written with a round loop from the bottom upwards.

JUDGE CRAWFORD CRITICISED.

REMARKS 'UNDIGNIFIED AND UNINTELLIGENT.'

A strong criticism of some recent remarks by Judge Crawford of the county court judge, was made by Mr. J. Gibson Jarvis, managing director of the United Dominions Trust, Limited, at a luncheon of the Croydon Chamber of Commerce.

The Judge, said Mr. Jarvis, "in discussing the hire purchase system, had laid it down that no man whose income did not exceed a certain amount should have a motor-car, and that girls of a certain social grade should not wear silk stockings. He also said that 'his own clothes cost only a modest figure.'"

"With what he was himself? I am not concerned," said Mr. Jarvis, "except that as a Judge on the Bench his dignity demands suitable remarks." (Laughter.)

"As to his comments regarding the budgeting of other people's income, my own personal view is that they are neither intelligent, justified, nor dignified."

"If that is his own belief, then his ignorance of economics and the progress of civilization is so phenomenal, 'so Victorian, as to stamp him an anachronism, as something which is living in a wrong century."

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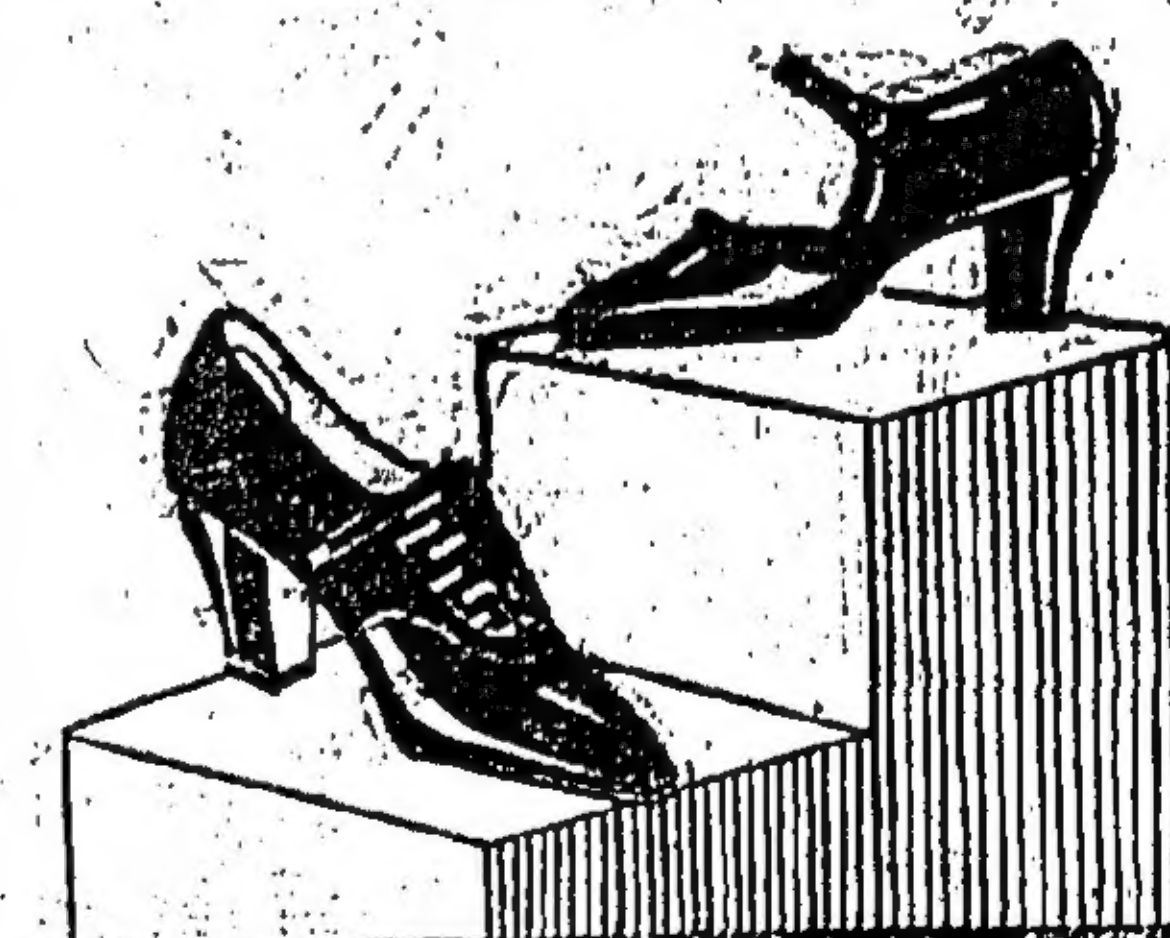
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LEAGUE FOOTBALL TO-MORROW.

CHINESE ATHLETIC AT THE RECREIO GROUND.

CLUB-NAVY PUZZLE.

[By "Wanderer."]

After a week's respite, the Senior League resumes activity to-morrow with a full programme of matches, and some very close games are to be expected. The League, so far, has managed to keep pace more or less with its heavy fixture list, though even now it is difficult to see how serious congestion at the end of the season is to be avoided.

Presumably it is a question of waiting till the time comes. The only event of importance since last week was the defeat of the K.O.S.B. Reserves by the Queen's Royal Regiment. This will lead to much keener competition between the leading clubs, with the Navy, Queen's and Borderers the strongest aspirants.

The fixture list, together with grounds and times of kick-off, is appended:

Senior Division.

South China v. R.A.—S. China, 4 p.m.
Recreio v. Chinese—Recreio, 4 p.m.
Club v. Navy—Club, 4 p.m.
Small Units v. Kowloon—Sookumpoo, 4 p.m.
Police v. Queen's—St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.

Junior Division.

S. China "B" v. Kowloon—S. China, 2.30 p.m.
Recreio v. Small Units—Recreio, 2.30 p.m.
St. Joseph's v. K.O.S.B.—St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.
R.A. v. S. China "A"—Sookumpoo, 2.30 p.m.
Chinese v. Navy—Club, 2.30 p.m.
Queen's v. Variety—Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.
Eastern v. R.A.F.—Chinese, 2.30 p.m.

Four O'Clock Starts.

Four o'clock starts is the order of the day for the Senior League matches to be played to-morrow, only two of which are of outstanding importance, the Queen's v. Police and the Recreio v. Chinese Athletic.

The Police brought off a performance of no small merit in effecting a draw with the K.O.S.B. a fortnight ago, and, after all, it is time the Queen's run of success was checked. It is unfortunate that the only accommodation for spectators is that provided by the legs, and few have sufficient enthusiasm to stand through an hour and a half's football.

The crowd which assembles on the "cliff" round the Club de Recreio ground to the general annoyance does not make for good feeling when Chinese players are visiting, but provided this factor does not exert itself, the match between the Recreio and the Chinese Athletic should be one of the best of the day. The Club de Recreio have been unfortunate in the matter of injuries and it is not clear whether they will be able to field their best available eleven to-morrow. On this depends their fortune. They are quite capable of giving the Athletic a long run if the real team is all present and correct.

Club Game.

The Club meet the Navy, and the issue is a matter for some doubt. The Navy lack a really smart scoring forward; the Club have an exceedingly valuable acquisition in this respect in the shape of Goldman, but the defence is not all it might be. I observe that George Rodger is not yet back in his place in the Club goal, even though Logan is unable to play on Saturday. The chances for the game cut pretty even; Goldman's opportunism may turn the trick.

South China should experience little difficulty in gaining two points at the expense of the Royal Artillery and Kowloon are expecting to win for the first time against the Small Units. The "mixture" started badly, but has been improving steadily, as witness the K.O.S.B. failure to win by more than 2-0 on Wednesday, and an upset is not outside all calculations.

FANLING GOLF.

THE STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

The starting times at Fanling on Sunday have been issued by the R.H.K.C.C. as follows:—

9.24 a.m.—L. Garner and C. E. Towns.
9.28 a.m.—Comdr. Fowle and Major Hull.
9.32 a.m.—T. L. Christie and D. J. Gilmore.
9.39 a.m.—N. L. Smith and I. W. Sheehan.
9.40 a.m.—D. M. Goodall and W. A. Weight.
9.44 a.m.—K. Hepburn and N. U. Ireland.
9.48 a.m.—H. Spicer and C. B. Riggs.
9.52 a.m.—E. P. Fletcher and S. M. Monroe.
9.56 a.m.—S. Berg and E. S. Abraham.
10.00 a.m.—S. J. H. Fox and F. H. P. Sway.
10.04 a.m.—W. J. S. Key and C. J. Waddell.
10.08 a.m.—B. J. Lucas and E. Kern.
10.12 a.m.—W. J. Roberts and S. H. Clark.
10.16 a.m.—J. M. Walker and A. T. Lay.
10.20 a.m.—A. R. Cox and A. Webster.
10.24 a.m.—G. E. Ellams and J. Coulthart.
10.28 a.m.—N. S. Ellis and J. Gardiner.
10.32 a.m.—F. A. Merry and Major Beamish.
10.36 a.m.—J. E. Dovey and W. K. Duncombe.
10.40 a.m.—A. B. Stewart and P. Tod.
10.44 a.m.—A. B. Purves and E. Des Voeux.
10.48 a.m.—T. G. Bennett and H. G. Sheldon.
10.52 a.m.—C. Thwaites and H. A. Mills.
10.56 a.m.—A. E. Lissaman and C. E. Holmes.
11.00 a.m.—S. S. Perry and A. G. Coppin.
11.04 a.m.—A. Leach and S. T. Bullin.
11.08 a.m.—J. S. Dykes and W. C. Clark.
11.12 a.m.—J. N. Norrie and W. K. Tait.
11.16 a.m.—F. C. Todd and W. Kent.
11.20 a.m.—H. D. Browne and R. E. H. Oliver.
11.24 a.m.—L. Yates and G. Yates.
11.28 a.m.—W. J. Clark and E. D. Black.
11.32 a.m.—W. Beveridge and M. G. Mills.
11.36 a.m.—Major Morrison and G. W. Sellars.
11.40 a.m.—R. L. Stewart and E. P. Strenfield.

LOCAL CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

The H. K. C. C. first eleven to play the C. S. C. C. senior team to-morrow, on the C. S. C. C. ground, at 2 p.m., will be:—
H. R. Hancock (Capt.), A. C. I. Bowler, E. R. Duckitt, Major Gayer, A. W. Hayward, O. Moor, H. Owen Hughes, Rev. E. K. Quick, A. Reid, Capt. W. Thorp and C. D. Wales.

The H. K. C. C. second eleven, to meet the C. S. C. C. second string to-morrow on the H. K. C. C. ground, at 2 p.m., will be:—
A. H. Gillingham (Capt.), C. Bradley, W. B. Conway, E. H. Dowler, L. A. E. Duncan, E. H. H. Oliver, T. D. E. Pendered, J. A. Summers, W. K. Tait, A. B. Raworth and E. R. West.

Junior Matches.

The defeat of the K.O.S.B. Reserves has given new interest to the struggle in the Junior Division of the League, the Queen's Reserves now being best placed. South China "B", Recreio, K.O.S.B., South China "A", Navy, Queen's, and the R.A.F. look likely winners to-morrow.

Teams.

Club: Edwards; Holt; Bishop; Wallington; Stewart; McBride; Watson; Alexander; Goldman; Scott; Trambitaky.

Kowloon: Angus; Guest; Pile; Hedley; McKelvie; Easterbrook; Clemo; Miles; Spary; Hayes and Baldwin.

Athletic: Ip Chan-tang; Ng Kam-chuen; Lai Yuk-tat; Leung Yuk-long; Wong Shui-wa; Lam Yuk-yung; Tao Kwai-sing; Lee Wai-keon; Wong Pak-cheng; Suen Kam-shun and Chan Kwong-ut.

Queens: (from) Dodds; Hooper; Sharp; Lyng; Hill; Morris; Hibbert; Larkin; Richardson; Capor; Barclay and Caldwell.

Police: Clark; Wynne; Williams; McGreavy; Oram; Jessop; Pile; Hgworth; Fraser; Hudson and Shepherd.

Kowloon: (Test) Angus, Jr.; Morris; Hnat; Nicholls; Robson; Dunnet; Hannan; Davies; King; Blacklock; Eastman.

CALEDONIAN BALL TO-NIGHT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Both shields are also in position on the rails of the Theatre dress circle, facing the stage.

Official Supper Party.

The official supper party will be as follows:—The Chieftain and Mrs. Southern, H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Mackie, Mr. A. H. Ferguson and Mrs. Laird, General Laird and Lady Tyrwhitt, Commodore Pearson and Mrs. Ferguson, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax and Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Lady Pollock, Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mrs. Pearson, Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy and Mrs. Kotewall, Sir Shou-son Chow and Mrs. Dyer, Dr. Black and Lady Chow, Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and Mrs. Greig, Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes and Mrs. Hynes, Mr. R. Sutherland and Mrs. Black, Mr. W. W. Hornell and Mrs. Lewis, Hon. Dr. Kotewall and Mrs. Wolfe, Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Belth and Mrs. Shields, Colonel Comyn and Mrs. Belth, Colonel L. G. Bird and Mrs. Creasy, Mr. K. E. Greig and Mrs. Owen Hughes, Mr. D. J. Lewis and Mrs. Gow, Rev. F. C. Young and Mrs. Wylie, Mr. D. Harvey and Mrs. Duncan, Mr. D. Gow and Mrs. Young, Mr. B. Wylie and Mrs. Harvey, Mr. P. Tod and Mrs. Cooke, Mr. E. M. Bryden and Mrs. Tod, Mr. A. L. Shields and Miss Mackie.

Dancing will take place in St. Andrew's and St. George's Halls to music rendered by the Hongkong Hotel orchestra, which will be situated in an embrasure permitting easy audition to all dancers. Music for the Reels will be provided by the Pipe Band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

The Dance Programme.

The dance programme is as follows, the supper dances being from No. 9 to No. 13 inclusive:

Extra Waltz "Lady'sman."
1. Lancers "Adeline."
2. Fox Trot "Honey and Truly."
3. Caledonians "Caledonians."
4. Fox Trot "The Sunrise."

5. Eightsome Reel—

1. The Dell Among the Tailors.

2. Jack Wilson.

3. The Black Haired Laddie.

4. Waltz "Little Mother."

5. Fox Trot "Changes."

6. Strathspey and Reel—

1. Devil in the Kitchen.

2. Miss Macleod of Bancy.

3. Fox Trot "Mine, all mine."

4. Fox Trot "Good News."

5. Waltz "Diane."

6. Fox Trot "I still love you."

7. Fox Trot "What'll you do."

8. Waltz "Ramona."

9. Caledonians "Caledonians."

10. Fox Trot "Dixieland."

11. Highland Schottische—

1. Stirling Castle.

2. Brechin Castle.

3. London's Bonnie Woods and Braes.

12. Fox Trot "My Blue Heaven."

13. Eightsome Reel—

1. The Fairy Dance.

2. Kate Dalrymple.

3. High Road to Linton.

20. Fox Trot "Among My Souvenirs."

21. Strathspey and Reel—

1. Miss Drummond of Perth.

2. Sleepy Maggie.

22. Waltz "Charmaine."

Extra. One Step "Let a Smile be your Umbrella."

The State Lancers.

The following have been paired for the State Lancers.—Mrs. Mackie and His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government; Mrs. W. T. Southern and the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie (Chieftain); Mrs. J. L. Pearson and Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A.; Lady Pollock and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar; Mrs. C. C. Laird and Mr. A. H. Ferguson (Vice-Chieftain); Mrs. Ferguson and H.E. Major General C. C. Laird, C.B., C.M.G.; Mrs. H. T. Creasy and the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.; Mrs. R. M. Dyer and Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G.

The official Reel will be taken part in by the following, who will be dressed in Highland costume:—Mrs. Mackie and Mr. M. A. A. MacKintosh; Mrs. and Dr. G. D. R. Black; Mrs. and Mr. C. I. Cooke, Mrs. and Mr. R. O. Sutherland.

Meeting places are provided for by illuminated indicators in both rooms. The lounge, sitting-out places and light buffet are, as before, adjoining the dance rooms.

Non-dancers will be catered for in the card rooms and "Auchtermuchty," which will again be found on the ground floor, although much re-arrangement has been found necessary by the taking up of space by the Y.M.C.A. adjoining the library.

The Officials.

This year's Chieftain is the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, and serving with him on the General Committee are Mr. A. H. Ferguson, (Vice-President), Mr. R. Sheehan (Past President), Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar (Past President), Mr. R. M. Dyer (Past President), Mr. R. Sutherland (Past President), Dr. G. D. R. Black (Past President), Mr. D. Gow, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. K. E. Greig, Mr. P. Tod, Mr. D. Har-

LAWN TENNIS.

OPEN MIXED DOUBLES RESULTS.

The results to date in the Open Mixed Doubles tennis ties are as follows:

Mrs. Bradbury and H. W. Bradbury lost to Miss Luard and Horace Lo, 6-3; 2-6; 6-2. Played at Craigengower on 28th inst.

Mrs. A. J. Kow and E. C. Fincher lost to Mrs. Hale and Lieut. J. W. Hale, 8-6; 6-3. Played at K.C.C. on 28th inst.

Mrs. McElderry and A. H. Crook lost to Mrs. McCaw and P. M. Pinget 6-4; 6-4. Played at C.R.C. on 28th inst.

Mrs. Cadman and E. D. Lawrence lost to Mrs. Miles and H. Owen Hughes. Score not yet to hand.

The remaining second round matches are as follows:

Mrs. Tottenham and Dr. R. E. Tottenham v. Miss G. Ho Tung and Lim Peng-chin, arranged to be played at U.S.R.C. on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m.

Miss Enid Lo and M. W. Lo v. Mrs. Blaker and J. Goldman, arranged to be played at C.R.C. today at 3.30 p.m.

Mrs. Lindsell and M. K. Lo v. Mrs. Bennett and J. A. Cussumb-hoy, arranged to be played at C.R.C. on Sunday, Dec. 2nd, at 3.30 p.m.

Mrs. Donald Smith and Major R. H. Lucas v. Mrs. Sayer and R. E. Lindsell, arranged to be played at U.S.R.C. on Saturday, Dec. 1st at 3 p.m.

SNOOKER CONTEST.

FURTHER MATCHES IN THE SECOND ROUND.

In the second round match yesterday between A. Lewis and C. Sinn, in the Palace Hotel snooker championship, the former won by 147 (56, 48, 44) to 70 (25, 26, 23).

C. Eamskew, in the 9 o'clock game, beat H. G. White, by 188 (48, 84, 50) to 86 (28, 34, 24).

To-day's fixture is between H. da Luz and R. Hawke, at 9 p.m.



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v. Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Mr. C. I. Cooke, Mr. R. P. Moodie (Hon. Treasurer) and Mr. E. M. Bryden (Hon. Secretary.)

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A FIRST NOVEL!

WHIRLWIND

By Eleanor Early.

THIS HAS HAPPENED.

SYBIL THORNE, most disillusioned of brides, has deserted her husband on their honeymoon. RICHARD EUSTIS, dangerously fascinating, persuades her to marry him after five days' tempestuous courtship.

Immediately following the wedding he begins to drink and breaks Sybil's heart on her marriage night. She leaves him in Havana, where they had gone following their mad wedding on shipboard—but not until she has reason to believe he is an out and out rotter. She goes immediately to MABEL BLAKE, a social worker, who accompanied her on the trip from home.

Mabel, meantime, has become engaged herself to an American working in Havana—JACK MOORE. They listen, horrified by the thing Sybil tells them, and Mabel agrees to sail with her that afternoon for Boston.

CHAPTER XXIII

Like strangers Sybil and Mabel looked at each other, and seemed embarrassed. Until suddenly, with one of her swift changes of mood, Sybil advanced like a field marshal on Mabel's wardrobe.

"Oh, God," she prayed, "help me to be hard-boiled! . . . Wake up, Mabel! Help me swing this trunk around. Pack your hats and your toilet things. I'll get your dresses on the hangers. A little speed, if you're sailing with me!"

With incredible swiftness the hours flew. Three hours later they followed their trunks abroad, while whistles blew and the rumples under their very feet began to tremble and to move. On the pier Jack Moore wiped his glistening pate, and swore he'd seen a miracle.

"You see," explained Mabel, "the lady never saw me hurry before." They stood on the deck together, their faces toward the shining city. And Mabel waved her little handkerchief until Jack was only a dot in the distance.

"Well, Mabel," Sybil tucked her arm through her friend's. "It was an exciting vacation anyhow." Mabel turned her back to the distant land. Smoldering turquoise and gleaming sapphire, and all the sunset hues that shone on buildings of pink and blue and yellow. Morro Castle in a sea of jade, and the city beyond, all bathed in golden light.

"My dear," she said in her best social service manner, "that's no way to talk. You must try not to be bitter. But don't, I beg of you, be frivolous!"

Sybil, swallowing a perilous lump in her throat, dabbed at her eyes with a bit of lace. Her chin quivered, and she caught her lower lip between her teeth.

"Well, I don't feel so darn Polly-annish about it—I'll tell you that. I'd like to crawl into my little berth back there, and howl to heaven. But what's the use, Mabel? You've got to snap your fingers at Fate, old dear—or Fate will darn soon knock you out."

"Sybil, have you thought of Craig lately?"

"My dear, I haven't thought of anybody else. It took Richard to make me appreciate him. A lot of good that will do me—now."

"Do you suppose you'll marry him, Sib?"

"Heavens above, Mabel, I've had enough of marriage." "But it would be different with Craig."

"I know it would. But I can't even think about it. You see I'm already married. Whether I like it or not, I have a husband. I like to make any difference that he drinks and chases Isabelle. He's my husband just the same. Unless I get a divorce!"

"Oh, my dear, wouldn't that give Boston something to talk about! Wouldn't they love it! Wouldn't Val just eat it up! And Mrs. Carrington, and the Caswellas. And all the girls who want Craig, and can't get him. And the crowd at the Country Club."

Sybil sighed profoundly. "I guess I've fixed things this time, Mabel. I guess I've wrecked my little old life forever."

Mabel said nothing at the time, but shortly she began to talk divorce. After dinner, that night she found a sequestered corner for their deck chairs. And to Sybil's great amazement, proceeded calmly to advocate an immediate divorce.

"I don't know how you'd go about it," she admitted. "But aren't they awfully easy things to get in Paris? In this country there's something about establishing a residence—that is, you have to live for a certain length of time wherever you file suit. So that ducking out of Boston wouldn't do much good. People would know anyhow. But if you went over to Paris, it could all be so quiet nobody would even suspect."

"Anybody'd think you were talking about running over to South Boston!" she joked, and added plaintively, "how, my dear, could I hop over to Paris?"

Mabel was vague. "Oh, it could be arranged somehow. I'd love to see you out of this mess, Sybil before Craig knows about it. By the way, did you ever write him?"

"No, I didn't. I simply couldn't. And he sent about 20 radios and things, I cabled that I'd write later—that I was awfully busy, and having a wonderful time. He knows how I hate to write letters. And I asked him not to cable any more, because it made me feel awfully guilty."

"And he was just ruining my vacation making me feel that I ought to write him. My dear, it cost me \$16 and I felt like a perfect criminal. But it worked. Poor old Craig. He told me to have a good time and to forget all about him—just to let him know when we were coming home."

"You could wireless him now." "Oh, I couldn't. I'd feel like such a hypocrite. You know, Mabel, I'm awfully surprised at you."

Sybil eyed her friend sternly. "There you are, urging a married woman back to her lover. Boosting divorce and snapping your fingers at respectability!"

"Oh, Sybil," Mabel protested amiably. "I could forgive my husband for getting drunk. I could forgive him for a villainous temper. I could forgive him for telling the same old stories over and over again. You know, my dear, Jack does that. I could forgive him for committing murder, or robbing a bank, or throwing cigarette ashes on the rug. I could forgive him for lying."

"But, there are two things I could never, never forgive. And one of them would be for being mean and stingy; and the other would be for going with another woman. Generosity and Fidelity—the cardinal virtues for husbands. If my husband did what Richard did, I'd kill him. I know I would."

Sybil's eyes grew thoughtful. "Yes, . . . you would," she said, "if you loved him. But you see, Mabel, I didn't care much. People think that the opposite of love is hate. That isn't so at all. It's indifference."

It was strange that Sybil was so quick that night. The ocean was like a mill pond. "I can't understand it," she moaned, "looming restlessly in their jelly stateroom. I felt so well coming down, all through the storm off Hatteras, when everybody was sick."

"It's probably your nerves," consoled Mabel. "You've been through a dreadful experience, you know—and I suppose it's a sort of physical reaction."

But next morning Sybil was not able to go down for breakfast. Mabel had the steward bring a tray to their stateroom.

"Griddle cakes," he said, "uncovering a steaming plate, 'and sausages.'"

"Oh, take them away, please. If I smell them, I'll die."

Hastily he retreated, and Mabel, with a worried line between her eyes, peeled an orange. There was a doctor aboard. Perhaps she could talk with him.

"Here, dear, suck on this," she suggested. "It can't hurt you. Still feeling pretty rocky?"

"Mabel, I never realized anyone could feel so rotten—honest. Funny— isn't it? The sea's like a lake."

"But, my dear, emotional experiences affect the body, you know. That poor old machinery of yours has been through a lot in the last month. You can't blame it for kicking up a little."

Sybil was considering. She wondered if the poor girl was worried. Why—why did such awful things happen to Sybil? Well, she would see that doctor.

That afternoon on the promenade deck she encountered her. "Oh, Doctor Henderson, could I talk with you for a few minutes?" As she fell in step beside him, she explained.

"I knew you were a doctor the minute I saw you. Remember we came up the gang plank together? And you smelled so nice and professional. So I asked the purser your name because I wanted to ask you something."

He was a small energetic man, a bit portly, with sharp blue eyes and a very medical light beard. Extremely able looking, though a trifle pompous. Now his blue eyes twinkled.

"Well, you're a healthy looking specimen to be scraping acquaintance with a physician!"

Suddenly Mabel became agitated. "Oh, it wasn't about me," she stammered, and found herself blushing furiously. "It's—it's another girl!"

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The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended November 30th, 1907.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 0.5/8d.

The marriage took place at St. John's Cathedral of Miss Shelton Hooper and Lieut. J.U. Hope, R.G.A.

The P. W. D. annual report stated that substantial progress was being made with the new Post Office.

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CANCER RESEARCH.

CONCLUSIONS REGARDING THE CAUSATION.

London, Nov. 29.

Two important conclusions in regard to the causation of cancer are contained in the annual report of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

They are, firstly, that there is no reliable evidence—experimental, statistical or clinical—which would indicate a causal correlation between cancer and the absence or presence or excess of any particular dietary constituent. Secondly, the work carried out in the Laboratories of the Fund disproves the evidence adduced by a German scientist to demonstrate the infectiveness of cancer.

Radium Treatment.

The Westminster Hospital, where the pioneer work in radium treatment has been conducted, and where £20,000 worth of radium has been purchased by voluntary subscription, is opening a special radium annex.

It has often been contended that the middle classes experience difficulty in obtaining treatment which the poor have received gratis, and the wealthy could afford to pay for. They will be treated at this new institution, where there will be modern physiotherapy and laboratories so that operations can be obtained for treatment of deep-seated cancer. Very little has so far been done in this direction, and it is intended to develop the work which has been so successful at Westminster Hospital.—*British Wireless.*

THE WALLING WALL.

QUESTION AS TO THE STATUS QUO.

London, Nov. 29.

Mr. Amery, Secretary for Dominion Affairs, stated in the House of Commons that he was not satisfied that the new stone construction on the top of the Walling Wall at Jerusalem was a violation of the status quo.

According to the latest reports, it would appear that a small wall constructed above the portion of the Walling Wall was an integral part of the structure begun many months ago. It was never suggested when the work started that it would involve any infringement of the status quo.—*British Wireless.*

AIR ROUTE TO INDIA.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRITAIN & PERSIA REACHED.

London, Nov. 29.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, in a reply to a question in the House of Commons, announced that an agreement had been reached between the Persian Government and the Imperial Airways, Limited, regarding the establishment of bases in Persia for an air service between Great Britain and India, and the relevant documents would probably be signed this week.—*British Wireless.*

THE DE-RATING BILL.

LIBERAL AND LABOUR AMENDMENTS.

London, Nov. 29.

Owing to a cold, Mr. Lloyd George was unable to attend yesterday to take part in the debate on the De-Rating Bill, but he intends to lead a Liberal attack in committee. Both the Liberal and Labour parties have tabled a series of amendments.

The Labour amendments deal with many matters of detail, including the proposal to exclude treatment of unemployed in the transfer of poor law functions, with a view to making such treatment a national responsibility.

The Liberal amendments are designed to modify the bill in the directions advocated in their own proposals. The purpose of certain of the amendments removes the able-bodied poor from the making of poor law, with a view to a national charge and so immediately to relieve necessitous areas.—*British Wireless.*

LETTER GOLF.

What's the difference between a NAIL and a TACK? Not much in letter golf. Par is four.

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Hongkong, 29th November, 1928.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 20th December, or they will not be recognised.

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Hongkong, 29th November, 1928.

ANTI-FASCISM.

SLAYER OF ITALIAN VICE CONSUL SENTENCED.

Paris, Nov. 29.

The anti-Fascist Dimodigni, who shot the Italian Vice-Consul Nardini dead, in September last year, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment and fined two hundred francs.

The jury found that accused fired, but did not intend to kill his victim.—*Reuter.*



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CHINESE CHARGED WITH PARTICIPATION.

The tragic affair of the piracy of the B. and S. s.s. Anking on September 26, while on a voyage from Singapore to Amoy, was recalled at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, when the trial was opened before Major C. Willson, of Yuen Ping-kwan, who is charged with being one of those who took part in that outrage.

Detailing the circumstances connected with that piracy, Mr. Somers, at Fitzroy, who conducted the case for the Crown, said that the Anking left Singapore on September 23 with a certain amount of freight and some 1,400 deck passengers. Some kind of a search was made for arms before the ship sailed from the southern port. All went well until September 26, when pirates who had got on board as passengers rushed the control points of the ship, and shot down the officers, of whom Mr. D. C. Jones, the Chief Officer, and Mr. H. Thompson, the Chief Engineer, and a Chinese quartermaster were killed, while Captain C. E. Plunkett-Cole, the master, and Mr. A. I. Campbell, the Third Officer, were wounded.

The pirates then took charge of the ship and steered for Chelang Point, later landing with their loot at a safe point, using three of the ship's boats for the purpose and taking a number of the European officers, who were, however, subsequently returned to their ship.

The Anking was in the control of the pirates from 6.40 p.m. on the 26th up to 2 a.m. on the 28th. With the departure of the pirates, the wireless equipment, which had hitherto been dismantled by them, was restored to working order and a message sent to the Colony.

Four Witnesses.

Regarding the part played by the accused in the affair, Mr. Fitzroy said evidence of his participation as an active pirate would be given by four people who had seen him—the wireless operator of the ship, who picked him out at the identification parade held at Police Headquarters; Hon Fu-man, the assistant commander, who saw him stretched on a net as if sen-sick; Ng Tai-nam, a steward who also saw him in that condition; and another saloon boy.

The first witness called was Mr. Archibald Irving Campbell, who was Third Officer of the Anking at the time of the piracy.

He said that after dinner, when he was sitting on the bridge deck on the starboard side, he received a blow on the forehead and was then made aware of the presence of pirates on board. As he went up the ladder to the lower deck, a minute or so later, he saw a number of Chinese running about and flourishing knives. He received another blow on the forehead and was then stabbed in the back. As he sunk down to the deck, before losing consciousness, he saw the Chief Officer, Mr. Jones, stumbling down the ladder.

When witness recovered consciousness, he found himself lying between the body of the Chief Officer and that of the Chinese quartermaster, both of whom appeared to have been killed. In front of him stood a pirate, carrying a rifle which was not of the armament of the ship.

After detailing the loss of his personal possessions as a result of the piracy, Mr. Campbell said he attended an identification parade held at the Central Police Station on the 23rd instant, at which he picked out the accused.

The hearing was adjourned.

THE CHINA COAST.

RECENT CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS.

Captain P. J. Green, of the Ningpo, is on reserve. Mr. W. L. Shinn, chief officer, Shantung, has gone master, Ningpo.

Mr. E. M. Christie, chief officer, Changsha, is on reserve. Mr. E. N. Long, has been appointed second officer, Changsha.

Mr. J. A. Johnson has been appointed sup's second officer, Hsin Peking.

Mr. D. S. Simpson, second officer, Hanyang, is on reserve.

Mr. H. B. Patrick, acting chief engineer officer, Wanlu, is on reserve.

Mr. K. E. Wilson, acting third engineer officer, Suiyang, has gone acting third engineer officer, Newchwang. Mr. G. J. Forster, third engineer officer, Newchwang, has gone third engineer officer, Suiyang.

Mr. H. S. Luscombe, extra third engineer officer, Shantung, has gone third engineer officer, Hsin Peking.

Captain W. Palmer-Daker, from Home leave, has gone master, Ting-sang. Captain D. Christie, of the Tingsang, is on reserve.

Mr. E. Starling, third officer, Ting-sang, has gone chief officer, Yatsung. Mr. G. Fletcher, chief officer, Yatsung, has gone chief officer, Loong-wo.

Mr. R. J. Hopkins, chief officer, Fausang, is on Home leave. Mr. E. Bell-Syer, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Fausang.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

NAIL, TAIL, TALL, TALK, TACK.

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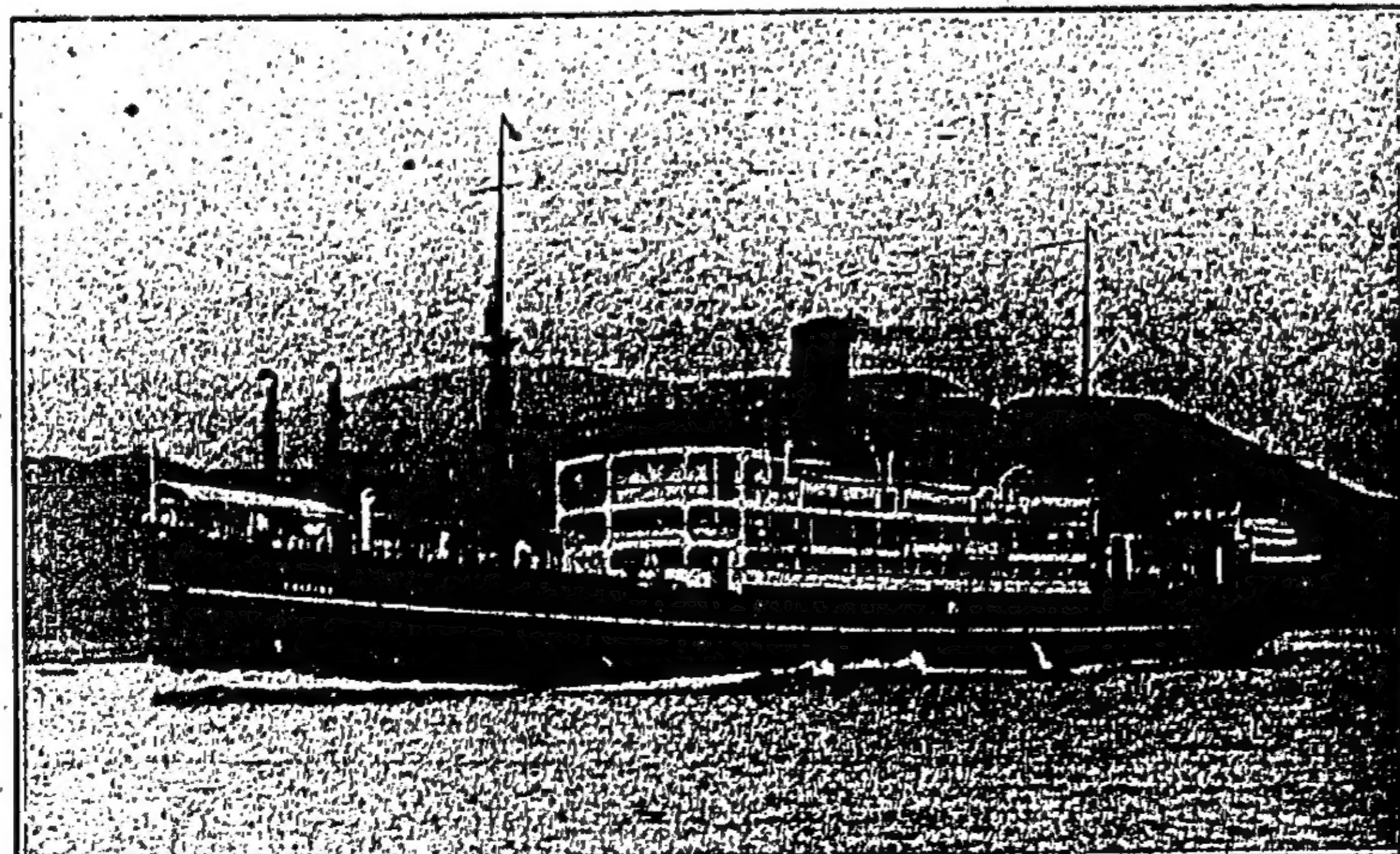
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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1928.

THE LEAGUE COUNCIL.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT LUGANO.

Geneva, Nov. 29.

Out of consideration for Dr. Stresemann, who for health reasons is unable to go to Geneva, the Secretariat of the League is arranging the next session of the Council at Lugano.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, M. Briand, and Dr. Stresemann have agreed to this, and the replies of other members of the Council are awaited.—Reuter.

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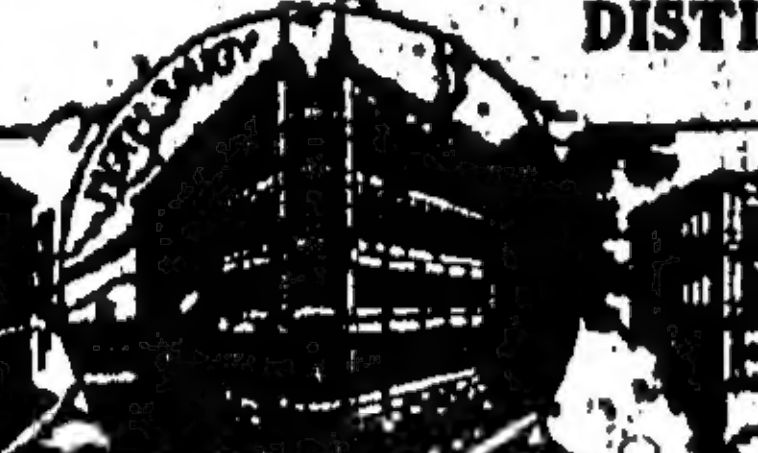
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THE ELSIE MACKAY TRUST FUND.

LORD INCHCAPE'S GIFT TO NATION RECALLED.

MANAGING TRUSTEES.

London, Nov. 29.
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill, announces that the sum of £500,000 presented to the Treasury in July by Lord Inchcape, forming the estate of his daughter, the late Hon. Elsie Mackay, has, minus death duties, been placed in the hands of trustees.
The trust will be known as the Elsie Mackay Fund, and in accordance with the wishes of Lord Inchcape, the income and capital will be allowed to accumulate for fifty years or so, ultimately to be applied to the reduction of the National Debt.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Governor of the Bank of England, and the Comptroller of the National Debt Office are the managing trustees of the fund, while the Treasury Solicitor is the custodian trustee.
The Hon. Elsie Mackay was lost in the Atlantic with Captain Walter Hinchliffe in an attempt to fly to America. Her father, Lord Inchcape, presented her estate to the nation, preferring that he, or his family, should not benefit by her lamented death.

The gift was the second of £500,000 made to the Exchequer for the reduction of the National Debt.—*Reuter.*

HANKOW COUNCIL QUARREL.

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ated Chapter 2, Article 11 of the Regulations of the S. A. D. No. 2, and that when I refused to put such a resolution to vote, you and Councillor Sabatini immediately withdrew?

"Lastly, why was the meeting on the 13th of November a failure? Was it not owing to the fact that your letter in the newspaper of that morning created a sensation that the other Councillors failed to turn up?"
"From the above facts, I should be glad to make it clear to you that you are mainly responsible for the failure to table the petition to His Excellency General Li Tsung Jen for the Council's approval earlier."

Violation of Regulations.

Dr. Sung further states that the minutes of the meeting of June 26th were passed by the Council on being threatened with Mr. Dupree's resignation. Concerning this, he reminds Mr. Dupree that Article 46 of the Regulations provides that any amendment to the Regulations "may be made at the annual meeting subject to the confirmation of Higher Authorities."
"Those two resolutions, proposed by you with your resignation as the alternative, and passed by the Council, are in violation with Chapter 2, Article 11 of the Regulations, as I just have mentioned. Even if they were passed at the annual General meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the voters present, they could not become effective without the 'confirmation of Higher Authorities' not to say the Council is not the Annual General Meeting itself."

"It is already unwise of you to compel the Council to make the mistake by passing resolutions which violated the Regulations. I hope you will not persist in your effort of making me personally commit the greater mistake of carrying out what I have no authority to do."

"In concluding this letter, I heartily hope your misunderstanding may be cleared away and that you will continue your service in the Council and attend coming meetings as usual."

OPTIMISM AT THE PALACE.

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ported that the question of what arrangements will be made to carry on the functions of the Crown in the event of His Majesty's illness being protracted are now being discussed. It is recalled that His Majesty when he made his health cruise in the Mediterranean in 1925, nominated four Councillors of State to act on his behalf till his return, namely, Prince Henry (in the absence of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York), the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor and the Premier, and a similar arrangement was made during the absence of their Majesties on their Indian tour in 1911 and 1912.—*Reuter.*

A lorry-driver, H. Melville, 41, of Queen's-road, Everton, was knocked down and killed by a shunting train at a G.W.R. goods yard at Reading recently.

STRANGE ORDER BY NANKING.

FLOUTING THE RENDITION AGREEMENT.

REMARKABLE PROCESS.

Shanghai, Nov. 30.
A strange order likely to have a serious effect on legal affairs in the International Settlement, has just been issued jointly by the Kiangsu Provincial Government and the National Ministry of Justice, Nanking.
The order is virtually an abolition of the jurisdiction of the Provisional Court in Shanghai, and it deliberately flouts the Rendition Agreement.

Shanghai has scarcely overcome its surprise, but it is realised that the order places the Municipal Police in the position of process servers for the benefit of the Kiangsu Provincial Court at Nanking.

According to the declaration, every civil case must pass four courts and three trials.

A similar procedure is later to be applied to criminal cases. It is believed that the order amounts to nothing less than a secret move to paralyse the powers of the Provisional Court, reducing it to the lowest place in the judicial system.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

AN OLD WOMAN AND OPIUM FIND.

MR. LINDSELL ASKED TO RECONSIDER.

On the application of Mr. F. H. Losby, Mr. R. E. Lindsell consented this morning to reconsider the sentence which he passed on a Chinese woman on Saturday for possession of 100 taels of illicit opium.

It will be recalled that a Chinese youth was accused of having left the opium found in the woman's house. The revenue department offered no evidence against the man, who was acquitted by Mr. R. E. Lindsell. Later the same morning, the young man was again brought before the court on his Worship re-opening the case, but the evidence then offered, was conflicting and for a second time a discharge was ordered.

Mr. Losby, in making the application for the reconsideration of the sentence, mentioned that the old woman was seventy years of age, while she was guilty of an offence from which she obtained no gain.

Mr. Lindsell expressed his disbelief that the woman received no gain, but instructed Revenue Officer Ward to enquire of his superiors if there was any objection to a reduction of the sentence, which was six months' hard labour in default of a fine of \$5,000.

NEW BEN LINE STEAMER.

"BENCRAUCHAN" ARRIVES ON MAIDEN TRIP.

The Ben Line s.s. Bencrauchan arrived in Hongkong last evening on her maiden voyage here, in command of Captain McQuodale. She entered with approximately 1,360 tons of general cargo from Europe, the Straits and Saigon for local discharge.

She was built by Messrs. C. Connell and Co., Ltd., of Glasgow, and is of 5,920 tons gross, her dimensions being Length, 490 feet; breadth, 53.9 feet; depth, 30 feet. She belongs to the Ben Line Steamers, Ltd., and is owned by Messrs. Wm. Thomson and Co. Ltd. Messrs. Giggis Livingston and Co., Ltd., are the local agents.

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Brussels	34.19
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Berlin	20.35
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	84.50 1/2
Helsingfors	102 1/2
Lisbon	108 1/2
Bucharest	807
Buenos Aires	47.15/32
Shanghai	2.77 1/2
Yokohama	1/10.23/32
New York	4.85 3/10
Geneva	25.19
Milan	92.55
Stockholm	18.14
Oslo	18.19
Prague	108 1/2
Madrid	80.05
Athens	87 1/2
Rio	6.29/32
Bombay	1/6.1/32
Hongkong	2/0 1/4
Silver (spot)	20 1/2
Silver (forward)	26.11/10

The engagement is announced of Miss Patricia Hastings, second daughter of Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., and Mr. Anthony Marlowe, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marlowe.

DURATION OF THE YEO TRIAL.

GREATER PART OF NEXT WEEK TO BE TAKEN.

JUDGE'S INTIMATION.

An indication of the probable duration of the Carvalho Yeo trial was given by the Puisne Judge this morning when he sat in the Summary Court to fix cases.

His Lordship pointed out that the list of cases contained those fixed for next week, the reason being that new dates would have to be found for cases already fixed, as he expected to be engaged for the greater part of next week hearing the Treasury fraud case.

Mr. Justice Jackson informed solicitors that his diary for December was full and that new dates would have to be fixed for certain cases. He hoped that it might be possible to make some arrangement with the Chief Justice when the latter returned from Shanghai for expediting the hearing of cases.

Cases down for hearing during the early part of next week were put back until early dates in January.

INSTALMENT SYSTEM DEBATED.

INTERESTING ARGUMENTS AT Y.M.C.A.

Ladies' night at the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, last night was in the nature of a debate on a motion approving the instalment system.

Miss Watts dealt with the subject in an extremely witty manner in her defence of the system, one of her points being that the instalment system has always been with us. A man, she said, got one wife at a time, or should do—the instalment system (laughter)—and fortunately our families came in instalments (renewed laughter).

Miss Clarke, taking the opposite side, argued that to get a thing first and pay for it afterwards was reversing the proper process of life. The man who saved had a feeling of safety and got the things he wanted with a minimum of fret. Whatever the instalment system might do for the ambitious and the social climber it did not produce peace of mind.

Mr. Love and Mr. Sapsed continued the debate, and eventually the voting was against the instalment system by 18 votes to seven.

SCOTSMEN REMEMBER THE DEAD.

WREATH LAID ON CENOTAPH THIS MORNING.

In connexion with St. Andrew's Day observances, the Chieftain of the local Society, the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie placed a wreath on the Cenotaph this morning. He was accompanied by Mr. E. M. Bryden (Secretary), Mr. B. Wyle, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. K. E. Greig, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. George Duncan, Mr. P. Tod, Lieut.-Col. T. A. Robertson, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Mr. J. Murray, Mr. P. W. Ramsay, Mr. D. Harvey, and Mr. G. McLeod.

The party assembled at the entrance to the Hongkong Club and walked to the Cenotaph in pairs, being led by the Chieftain and Mr. Bryden the latter carrying the wreath. After mounting the steps, Mr. Bryden handed the wreath to the Hon. Mr. Mackie who placed it at the base of the Cenotaph after which the gathering stood in silent reverence for a short period.

On the wreath was the following inscription:—"St. Andrew's Day, 1928. President and members, Hongkong St. Andrew's Society."

JUNK AFIRE.

LITTLE GIRL BURNED TO DEATH.

A Chinese girl, nine years of age, was burned to death on Wednesday last, when a junk which was lying at anchor at Cheung Chau caught fire.

At the time of the mishap, the mistress of the junk was away, leaving two children behind. There was a lighted joss candle in the cabin of the junk, and it is believed that the fire was caused by the awnings catching fire from this candle.

The elder of the two children, a boy of eleven escaped, but the girl, who was sleeping in the cabin at the time, was burned to death and her charred remains were discovered later.

Captain Ian Fraser, the blind M.P., said that during his tour of South Africa he found blind soldiers trained at St. Dunstan's leading useful and happy lives.

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